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YVETTE MUSCAT

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BIRTHPLACE: Box Hill, would you believe?
BIRTH DATE: 01 October 1982
HEIGHT: 172cm
WEIGHT: 68kg
MARRIED: No
CAR: Honda
NICKNAME: Danks, Vetski
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Ringwood City, Bulleen, Eltham
REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS: U/16 Victorian Team 1997, 1998. U/19 Victorian Team 1999.
CHILDHOOD FOOTBALL HERO: Zinedine Zidane
FAVOURITE O/S PLAYER: Franck Ribery
FAVOURITE HAL PLAYER: Rodrigo Vargas
FAVOURITE VPL PLAYER: Nicholas Curtis
FAVOURITE WPL PLAYER: Jessie Humble, Amanda Lawless
FAVOURITE FORMER SOCCEROO: Johnny Warren
FAVOURITE CURRENT SOCCEROO: Marco Bresciano
FAVOURITE FORMER MATILDA: Louisa Bisby
FAVOURITE CURRENT MATILDA: Melissa Barbieri
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A PLAYER: I have been fortunate to play in many memorable matches for Box Hill. One of the most memorable would be our match against Ashburton in 2008- we were losing 2-0 with 8 minutes to go, and won the game 3-2.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A FAN: France vs Italy –World Cup Final 2006, but for all the wrong reasons.
MOST MEMORABLE GOAL YOU'VE SCORED: There haven't been too many- the first one I ever scored, which was in my very first club match ever- from outside the 18 yd box. We won the match 1-0.
EARLIEST FOOTBALL MEMORY: Playing with the boys in primary school. Not many girls were playing back then.
FUNNIEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: I was playing in a Nationals Tournament in Queensland. I scored a goal and as I was celebrating, a teammate dacked me. The commentator then announced, "Goal scored by #3 Yvette 'Moonie' Muscat"!
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not starting soccer earlier
WORST INJURY: I don't want to jinx myself but I have never had one
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Christina Sidiropoulos, back in the day
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Bob Jane Stadium
SUPERSTITIONS: Must tie my laces up one last time before kick-off
TYPICAL MATCH DAY MEAL: Pasta, banana
WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS: Communication, man-marking
WHAT ARE YOUR WEAKNESSES: Touch
FAVOURITE TEAM WHEN GROWING UP: French National Team
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Basketball, Athletics
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTSPERSON: Cyril Rioli, Linford Christie, Michael Hussey
FAVOURITE FOODS: Chocolate and cheese
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Ricky Gervais, Gregory Peck and Jimmy Stewart
HOBBIES: Travel, languages, singing
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Mount Martha
FAVOURITE NIGHTSPOT: The Night Cat
IDEAL DATE: French restaurant, bottle of red and a movie at home
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: The Office, Rush, 24
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Ben Harper
FAVOURITE FILM: The Shawshank Redemption…not! Ace Ventura, Pet Detective / Point Break.
LAST SOCCER SHIRT YOU BOUGHT: Tottenham Hotspur – for my brother.
FUNNIEST RUMOUR YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT YOURSELF: That I sing badly.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My mum and dad
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Winter training sessions
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To retire with one more championship
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? : Living – Eric Cantona or Zinedine Zidane. Dead – Martin Luther King Jr.
YOUR TIP FOR THIS YEAR'S HAL: Gold Coast United
YOUR TIP FOR THIS YEAR'S VPL: Dandenong Thunder
YOUR TIP FOR THIS YEAR'S WPL: Box Hill

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FOOTBALL FEDERATION AUSTRALIA

ASIAN TIGER TEST

The Socceroos face Head Coach Pim Verbeek's ex side South Korea in an international friendly match that will be played in Seoul this Saturday evening the 5th September 2009.

The match kicks off at 9pm Australian time and 7 pm local. With Verbeek intent to use these friendly games to find the best possible squad for South Africa 2010 the return of some old heads brings a familiar look to the squad.

Returning into the Dutchman's 24-player squad for the Saturday nights game are Michael Beauchamp, Jason Culina, Vince Grella, Josh Kennedy, Mark Milligan, Michael Petkovic and Shane Stefanutto. All missed selection for the recent international friendly against the Republic of Ireland in Limerick that the Socceroos won 3-0 earlier this month.

In contrasting fortunes Josh "Jesus" Kennedy has left his German nightmare behind him and has been getting crucial game time and crucially in a world cup year is in goal scoring form for Japanese side Nagoya Grampus. Unfortunately Vince Grella's return to action for Blackburn this weekend was overshadowed by the terrible ordeal Grella suffered when he was involved in a home robbery. The Mirror in England reported that Grella escaped uninjured but was burgled at knifepoint by a group of masked men. Grella's wife Barbara and their seven-year-old twins Sophia and Victoria were not at home during the invasion.

FC Twente attacker Nikita Rukavytsya gets another chance to show what he can do as he gets to play his second game for the National Team while fellow Eredivisie player Brett Homan scored again for his Dutch side AZ Alkmaar. The Australian got the opener for Ronald Koeman's side as they beat Willem 2-1 to go top of the Dutch League.

However the biggest talking points leading up to the game are the omissions of big names Tim Cahill who is being rested as precaution by Verbeek and Lucas Neill the Australian captain who at the time of printing this article had not found a club yet.

Speaking about missing Everton star Tim Cahill, Verbeek said: "Timmy is struggling with his foot. They play a lot of games in the Premiership and the Europa League.
"It's a totally different injury to the one he had in the past. He's ok but at the moment it is much better to leave him in England. It's going to be a long season."

Regarding the situation of his captain Neill, Verbeek appeared to be worried as much as the fans about his situation:
"I am as anxious as everybody else and waiting for him to make a decision (where he wants to go).

"Again, it is better if he stays where he is at the moment. I am in regular contact with him but there is nothing I can do.
"It is totally up to him and he needs to focus on his future. He is 31 and waiting for the right moment to sign for the right club. I think there is nothing wrong with that. This is why he is not in the group," finished Verbeek.

Turkey based Socceroo Harry Kewell was picked but Australia's World Cup hero also has a question mark over his fitness: "I was at the [Kewell's last] match in Turkey," Verbeek said during a teleconference from the Netherlands.

"Harry scored a great goal but he also got a nasty kick on his ankle. I was with him at the medical and it did not look good but he is confident of being fit.

The ex South Korean boss should again indulge his pragmatic side with his favoured 4-2-3-1 formation but there are whispers that Josh Kennedy could play upfront with Celtic front man Scott McDonald.

Nudge nudge, wink wink, Say no more: Pim should have some expert inside knowledge of the South Koreans.

Verbeek's mantra during friendlies has always been "the performance is more important that the result". But like when he beat the Netherlands in 2007 in Holland I'm sure Verbeek would love to get one over his former employer, especially in their own backyard. During the teleconference though the Dutchman was on script:

"We'll go to Korea to win the game but the performance will be more important than the result," Verbeek said.

"Good performances make life easier and also if you play well you are more likely to win games, as we did in Ireland.

"I know the Korean mentality quite well and they will want to beat us because there will be prestige at stake."

I'm sure fans of the Socceroos are expecting the Aussies to win now that they are placed 16th in the FIFA World Rankings, and are the highest ranked Asian nation, whilst the Korea Republic is placed 48th and is the third ranked Asian nation.

The last time these two teams met was at the 2001 FIFA Confederations Cup at the Suwon World Cup Stadium. The Korea Republic beat the Socceroos 1-0 on that occasion. Coincidentally, former Socceroos coach Guus Hiddink was in charge of the Korea Republic team on that day and Pim Verbeek was his assistant coach.

Korea Republic coach Huh Jung-moo has named an entirely overseas-based squad for the September 5 friendly against Australia in Seoul.

Because a full K-League fixture list scheduled, Huh has been forced to recall 2002 World Cup veterans Ahn Jung-hwan, Seol Ki-hyeon, Kim Nam-il and Cha Du-ri.

The Korea Republics most famous son Manchester United midfielder Park Ji-sung, Wigan's Cho Won-hee and new Bolton signing Lee Chung-yong have also been selected.

Following this match the Socceroos head home to Australia in October to face the Netherlands in an international friendly match in Sydney (Saturday 10 October) before heading to Melbourne for their all important AFC Asian Cup 2011 Qualifier against Oman at Etihad Stadium (Wednesday 14 October).

MATCH DETAILS

International Friendly
Korea Republic v Qantas Socceroos
Kick-off 8:00pm KST (9:00pm AEST)
Saturday, 5 September 2009
Seoul World Cup Stadium, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Match Broadcast LIVE & EXCLUSIVE on FOX SPORTS 3 (broadcast commences 9:00pm AEST (8:30pm ACST, 7:00pm AWST).

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Meetings:	**22**
Australia wins:	**9**
Korea Republic wins:	**5**
Matches drawn:	**8**

THE SQUADS

Michael BEAUCHAMP	
Aalborg BK (DENMARK)	*19 Apps (1) Goals*
Mark BRESCIANO	
U.S. Citta di Palermo (ITALY)	*50 (11)*
Nick CARLE	
Crystal Palace FC (ENGLAND)	*10 (0)*
David CARNEY	
Sheffield United (ENGLAND)	20 (3)
Ante COVIC	
IF Elfsborg (SWEDEN)	2 (0)
Jason CULINA	
Gold Coast United (AUSTRALIA)	41 (1)
Vincenzo GRELLA	
Blackburn Rovers (ENGLAND)	40 (0)
Brett HOLMAN	
AZ Alkmaar (NETHERLANDS)	26 (1)
Danny INVINCIBILE	
Kilmarnock (SCOTLAND)	0 (0)
Mile JEDINAK	
Antalyaspor Kulubu (TURKEY)	6 (0)
Josh KENNEDY	
Nagoya Grampus (JAPAN)	14 (6)
Harry KEWELL	
Galatasaray SK (TURKEY)	42 (13)
Patrick KISNORBO	
Leeds United FC (ENGLAND)	15 (0)
Scott McDONALD	
Celtic FC(SCOTLAND)	14 (0)
Mark MILLIGAN	
Shanghai Shenhua (CHINA PR)	7 (0)
Jade NORTH	
Incheon United FC (KOREA REP)	27 (0)
Michael PETKOVIC	
Sivasspor (TURKEY)	6 (0)
Nikita RUKAVYTSYA	
FC Twente (NETHERLANDS)	1 (0)
Mark SCHWARZER	
Fulham FC (ENGLAND)	69 (0)
Matthew SPIRANOVIC	
FC Nurnberg (GERMANY)	3 (0)
Shane STEFANUTTO	
North Queensland Fury (AUSTRALIA)	2 (0)
Dario VIDOSIC	
FC Nurnberg (GERMANY)	1 (0)
Rhys WILLIAMS	
Middlesbrough FC (ENGLAND)	2 (0)
Luke WILKSHIRE	
FK Dinamo Moscow (RUSSIA)	35 (0)

KOREA SQUAD:
Cha Du-ri (Freiburg), Lee Young-pyo (Al Hilal, Saudi Arabia), Lee Jung-soo (Kyoto Sanga), Kim Dong-jin (Zenit St Petersburg), Kim Keun-hwan (Yokohama); Park Ji-sung (Manchester United), Lee Chung-yong (Bolton), Cho Won-hee (Wigan), Kim Nam-il (Vissel Kobe); Seol Ki-hyeon (Fulham), Park Chu-young (Monaco), Lee Keun-ho (Jubilo Iwata), Shin Young-rok (Bursaspor), Cho Jae-jin (Gamba Osaka), Ahn Jung-hwan (Dalian, China).

VPL FINAL STANDINGS

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong Thunder (P)	22	15	5	2	45	21	50
Altona Magic	22	11	5	6	36	26	38
Green Gully Cavaliers	22	11	5	6	29	21	38
Hume City	22	11	4	7	39	16	37
South Melbourne	22	10	7	5	41	22	37
Heidelberg Utd	22	10	4	8	35	26	34
Oakleigh Cannons	22	9	6	7	24	22	33
Sunshine Georgies	22	8	8	6	18	18	32
Melbourne Knights	22	7	6	9	26	25	27
Richmond	22	7	3	12	28	31	24
Whittlesea Zebras (R)	22	2	4	16	15	42	10
Preston Lions (R)	22	2	1	19	14	80	7

VPL RESULTS

PREMIER LEAGUE FINALS SERIES

Minor Semi Final
Green Gully Cavaliers 0
Hume City 1 (T Baser)

Green Gully eliminated. Hume City to play Dandenong Thunder in the Preliminary Final.

Major Semi Final
Dandenong Thunder 0
Altona Magic 1
(K Taseski)

Altona Magic qualifies for the VPL Grand Final. Dandenong Thunder to play Hume City the Preliminary Final.

2009 VPL Finals Series Format

Week 1

Week Off
1st Placed Team

Qualifying Final

Altona Magic
v
Green Gully

Paisley Park
Saturday 22nd August
K.O. 5:30pm

Winner of Qualifying Final advances to Major Semi-Final. Loser proceeds to Minor Semi-Final

Elimination Finals

Hume City
V
South Melbourne

Epping Stadium
Sunday 23rd August
KO 3pm

Loser of Elimination Final is eliminated. Winner will proceed to Minor Semi-Final

Week 2

Major Semi-Final

Dandenong Thunder
v
Altona Magic

George Andrews Reserve
Sunday 30th August
KO 3pm

Winner of Major Semi-Final advances to Grand Final, loser proceeds to Preliminary Final

Minor Semi-Final

Green Gully
v
Hume City

Green Gully Reserve
Saturday 29th August
KO 3pm

Winner of Minor Semi-Final advances to Preliminary Final, loser is eliminated

Week 3

Preliminary Final

Dandenong Thunder
v
Hume City

TBA
Sunday 6th September
KO 3pm

Winner of Preliminary Final advances to Grand Final, loser is eliminated

Week 4

Grand Final

Altona Magic
v
Winner
Preliminary
Final

- **VPL Finals Series:** Weekend Commencing August 21 – September 6
- **Grand Final:** Saturday September 12

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Joseph Di Iorio - Dandenong Thunder 17
Osagie Ederaro - Heidelberg Utd 15
Zoran Petrevski - Hume City 11
Goran Zoric - South Melbourne 10
Jerry Karpeh - Oakleigh Cannons 9
Fernando De Moraes - South Melbourne 7
Greg Draper - Melbourne Knights 7

Golden Boot Winner:
Dandenong Thunder's Joey Di Iorio.

VPL UNDER 21FIANL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heidelberg Utd	24	14	6	4	45	27	48
South Melbourne	24	14	3	7	45	30	45
Richmond	24	12	6	6	45	32	42
Sunshine Georgies	24	11	4	9	48	34	37
Green Gully Cavaliers	24	11	4	9	30	31	37
V.I.S	24	11	2	11	52	49	35
Oakleigh Cannons	24	11	2	11	44	50	35
Melbourne Knights	24	9	3	12	31	43	30
Altona Magic	24	7	8	9	29	30	29
Preston Lions	24	9	2	13	40	49	29
Whittlesea Zebras	24	8	3	13	37	42	27
Dandenong Thunder	24	7	3	14	34	55	24
Hume City	24	7	4	13	42	50	22

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MAGIC IN THE AIR, AGAIN?

Kliment Cools Thunder's Title Chances

DANDENONG THUNDER 0 - 1 ALTONA MAGIC

Reigning Premier Altona Magic grabbed a grand final berth with a 1-0 win over the minor premier Dandenong Thunder in the major semi final at George Andrews reserve on Sunday afternoon.

Altona youngster Kliment Taseski's 56th minute goal was Magic's first goal against Thunder in three encounters this season and gave Valdo Tortevski's team its second consecutive grand final appearance.

In a scrappy physical encounter, the home team went on the front foot early on putting the reigning premier's defence under considerable pressure in the first half hour. Thunder skipper Veton Korcari's shot on goal in the 31st forced a sharp save from Magic keeper Nick Roganovic at his near post. But although Thunder had the edge in terms of shots on goal in the first half, a physically strong and compact Altona unit were able to resist Thunder's forward thrusts.

After weathering the opening half hour pressure the Magic settled down to play with more composure. Midfielder Pece Siveski produced a shot wide of the target after the visitors' best move of the match. However the physical character of the match was taking it's toll forcing Thunder left back, James Thomas to be stretchered off and also resulting in a bloodletting head clash between Rexhepi and Fadaljevic..

The visitors grew in stature in the second half particularly after Taseski's goal which came from a cross from the left flank. The youngster produced a good first touch in the box before his smart lob over the advancing Stuart Webster in Thunder's goal.

Down the other end, Thunder's attacks became more frantic as the match progressed and they desperately streamed forward in search of an equalizer. Midfielder Ryan Davidson went close for the home team on two occasions, the first when he flashed a volley just wide of the post from close range. Ten minutes later, at the start of injury time, his close range header went directly into keeper Roganovic's hands to the dismay of the home fans.

After the match, a disappointed Thunder coach Stuart Munro said, " Today our finishing wasn't good, our decision making in the final third wasn't good and delivery late on in the game was very panicky. I think too many of our players were nervous. The (Altona) never really did a lot as far as creating opportunities. I think they were kind of waiting on us to make mistakes. But we've earned the right to get the double chance and try and win that one next week. It'll be a very difficult game. But we're still in there."

Altona Magic coach Vlado Tortevski commented afterwards, "The first 45 minutes they (Thunder) had a few opportunites but they didn't realize any of them. In the end it proved, that in this competition you cannot afford not to score. We played well and I'm happy for everyone at our club especially for our president Mrs Fischer. Once again, even with a young squad, we have reached the final. Nothing's changed."

Thunder on the other hand, must now regroup for the preliminary final next week and face the only team they haven't beaten this season, an in form Hume City.

Magic Goalscorer kliment Taseski (right) celebrating the winner. Joining him is teamate Nicholas Kalmar. Photo by George Stogiannou

Altona's Wiltford tries an overhead shot at goal. His captain Carl Recchia, Levent Osman (centre) and Shane Rexhepi look on

Lineups:

Dandenong Thunder:
Webster. S., Rexhepi, S, Thomas, J.(Ibraimi, F. 33'), Osman, L.,Wilford, A., Quirk, C. (Muriqi, R. 63'), Armenian, H. Stergiopoulos, M., Davidson, R., Korcari, V. (Tabor, A. 63"), DiIorio, J.

Altona Magic:

Roganovic, N., Bozinovski, S., Laurie, S., Mladenovic, D., Anthopoulos, C., Recchia, C., Siveski, p, Tseski, K. (Curcija, (90'), Fadaljevic, A. (Cergovski, P. 87'), Riccobene, P., Kalmar, N.

Scorer: Taseski 56'

Man of the Match:
Steve Laurie (Magic)

By George Stogiannou

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Hume On The Verge Of Grand Final Appearance

HUME CITY 1 - 0 GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS

HUME City has progressed to the Victorian Premier League preliminary final after defeating Green Gully 1-0 at Green Gully Reserve on Saturday.

The deadlock was broken in the 26th minute by Tansel Baser, whose left foot hook across the face of goal hit the inside of the post, and angled into the back of the net.

The contest itself produced few genuine chances on goal; Green Gully's best chance coming in the dying moments, and it was Mile Medjedovic with a close-range strike, but was not powerful enough to penetrate Lupce Acevski's net.

Green Gully coach Peter Ollerton said the contest was uninspiring.

"I thought both sides were crap. I feel sorry for the people that watched the game personally. (The contest) seemed very dead," Ollerton said.

The former Socceroo put his side's poor performance down to fatigue and the extended minutes from their previous week's loss to Altona.

"I think we were just a bit flat… (we had) four or five days time (between matches), we brought in a couple of players and tried to freshen it up."

After his side's regular season clash away to Hume, Ollerton was quoted as saying Green Gully lacked the "firepower" up front to win the Premier League, and prophetically, this was the Cavaliers' downfall.

"In the past three or four games we have scored three goals, four goals two goals, and today we didn't really penetrate at all," he said.

Hume assistant coach Leigh Tsoumerkas said it was a calculated and group effort from his chargers.

"We talk about belief, we talk about work-rate and commitment to the cause, and every player in that team did their job."

A breakaway league from the Football Federation Victoria (FFV) has been touted for next year's season, but Ollerton predicted it would not eventuate. And should another league be born, Green Gully will not take any part in it.

"There won't be any breakaway league. I don't even know why people are talking about it. We won't be a part of that, and we'll be playing under the FFV, and it's as simple as that."

Tsoumerkas said Hume will be focussing on it's final next week, and not it's 2010 agenda until their finals campaign is over.

"We're just concentrating on what's going on on the field. We're playing next week for a game in the grand final, and that's what we're concentrating on. Nothing else."

Hume will face Dandenong Thunder in a preliminary final next week.

Hume City players chase down Tansel Baser after the aptain scored the all important winner.

HUME;
L.Acevski, I.Erdogan, B.Beni, s.Pir, R.Thompson, T.Baser, T.Sterjovski, A.Opazo, M.Bosevski, Z.Petrevski,(Sumbul, Turhan 90'), A.Vlahos (M.Karakilic 89')

Yellow cards:
Red cards: None
Goals: Tansel Baser 25'.

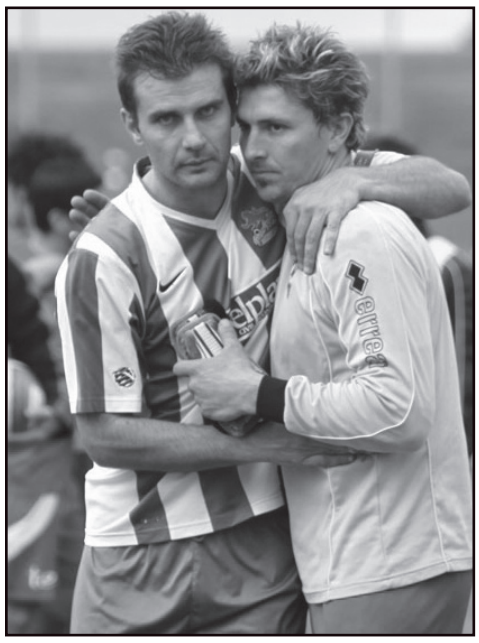
GULLY:
S.Tilovski, S.Burton, D.Fak, K.Delev (Drake, Cameron 60'), J.Fleming, P.Cardozo, M.Sanders, R.Ollerton, M.Medjedovic, A.Vargas,(M.Anderson 78'), J.Nikolic (J.Adam 60')

Yellow cards; None
Red cards: None
Goals: None

Crowd:1200
Venue: Green Gully Reserve

By Luke Sheehan

Photos by Steve Starek



Old pals Dean Fak (Gully) and Zoran Petrevski (Hume).

Hume's Tony Sterjovski tries to evade Gully's Ryan Ollerton and Andy Vargas

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INTER SECURES FIFTH STRAIGHT GF BERTH

South and Bergers To Meet In "Derby" Preliminary

Week One of the Women's Premier League finals featured two dramatic games, with both going right down to the wire. Box Hill Inter secured its place in the Grand Final by defeating Heidelberg United, which Heidelberg United will now battle it out with South Melbourne next weekend for the right to meet them , after South saw off Sandringham in the Elimination Final.

Box Hill Inter booked its place in its fifth successive Grand Final with a hard fought 1-0 victory over last year's beaten finalist Heidelberg United at Wembley Park on Sunday evening. The match was played out at a frenetic pace, and Heidelberg will rue its missed chances, which now leaves it facing a Preliminary Final against South Melbourne next Sunday.

The first half was a cagey affair, with the two teams seemingly feeling each other out. Play was concentrated in the centre of the ground for much of the half, with Heidelberg slightly edging the balance of possession. Chances were few and far between, with Inter's Amanda Lawless and United's Melanie Camilleri both looking dangerous.

The game opened up in the second half, as both sides went for the win. Inter had Matildas custodian Melissa Barbieri back in goals, but she almost gifted Heidelberg the opening goal when her miscued clearance went straight to Camilleri who, fortunately for the home side, shot wide. The game then began to see-saw with chances at either end. Julia Nicolaci, who had been looking sharp on Heidelberg's right, knocked a ball in to Michelle Verzi who centred to Chrissy Baxendale, but she was unable to convert from close range. Inter responded immediately through Morgan Anderson, who whipped in a cross, but Lauren Farrugia volleyed wide at the far post. Minutes later, Camilleri and Lawless both shot over the bar, albeit at opposite ends of the ground.

The decisive goal came in the 83rd minute, with Lawless atoning for her earlier profligacy. Kat Smith's long ball found Lawless in space at the top of the box, and she had time to take several touches and set herself before finishing. The goal gave Heidelberg little time to respond, and so the minor premier was able to secure swift passage into the Grand Final. The result did not fully reflect the nature of the game, with Heidelberg having the better of the second half, but it was unable to capitalise on its possession advantage, thus allowing Box Hill to snatch the game at the end.

In the weekend's other game,South Melbourne booked its place in the Preliminary Final with a dramatic 3-2 victory over Sandringham in the Elimination Final at Bob Jane Stadium on Saturday. Despite never falling behind, South was made to work for its win, against a Sandringham team that would simply not lie down.

South Melbourne players celebrate the first of their 3 goals against Sandringham

Against the odds ... Nicola Prins (Casey) battles for the ball against Yvette Muscat, Katrina Smith and Morgan Anderson (Box Hill)

After a scrappy opening, South established a lead early in the match in slightly unusual fashion. Christie Tangalos struck an inswinging corner across the face of the goal, and it evaded everyone and flew into the far corner of the net, to put the home side one nil up. The goal also settled the game down, and South began to take control of the match, while Sandringham looked to attack down the flanks.

Sandringham had mainly looked threatening from set pieces, so it was perhaps no surprise that its equaliser, in the closing stages of the half, came from a free-kick. South conceded a foul on the edge of the box, towards the right touchline, and Ashlee Good curled a left-footed shot over the wall and into the net to level the scores. Sandringham, however, was on equal terms for less than five minutes, as with less than a minute to play in the half, South was awarded a penalty after Katia Tavolaro was brought down in the box. Aimee Benton slotted the resultant spot kick to restore the home side's lead.

The arm wrestle continued throughout the second half, but neither side was able to find a way through to add to the scoreline. South had all but secured its passage to the Preliminary Final, but Sandringham has proved throughout the season that it is a side that plays until the very death. Having already snatched three points from South in Round 17 with a goal in stoppage time, Lucy Kapusta was once again South's nemesis, scoring in time added on to tie up the scores and send the game into extra time.

Both sides were understandably nervy in the additional thirty minutes, although Sandringham could have taken the lead early in the first period when Emma Runnalls was sent clean through, only to be denied by an excellent last ditch tackle by Natalie Brajanovski on the edge of the area. The sides remained deadlocked at 2-2 going into the last fifteen minutes, with the likelihood of penalties rapidly increasing. Then, with ten minutes to go, Jade Barnden was sent clear by Marcela Marques and she coolly slotted the ball past Sandringham custodian Peta Horman's despairing dive and into the net. South was able to hold on for the final ten minutes, and Sandringham could not provide any more last minute drama, and so the home side progressed to its first Preliminary Final.

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Tribunal tribulations

TRIBUNAL decisions this week at state and national level will play pivotal roles in deciding this season's State One promotion and relegation issues.

The long-running St Albans Dinamo saga dragged on yet another week with news last Friday that Football Federation Australia's appeals board had once again deferred judgment.

You will recall that Dinamo and Frankston Pines were kicked out of the competition at the halfway mark of the season after having charges of club misconduct proven.

Those sentences were overturned on appeal with Pines being fined $3000, Dinamo $7000 while the Churchill Reserve club also had nine league points deducted.

St Albans' last avenue of appeal was to FFA and despite the expense it chose that course.

But due to that appeal tribunal dithering for some weeks now over its ruling we have the farcical situation where we enter the last round of the league season not knowing exactly how many points St Albans has.

Spare a thought also for Northcote and Bentleigh Greens. While they've stood toe-to-toe waging an enthralling title battle they have been forced to continually look over their shoulder wondering whether or not the St Albans outfit is waiting to pounce.

St Albans remains supremely confident that its nine league points will be reinstated and that it can reclaim its status as a Premier League club.

"If there is any justice then we will get the points back," club president Vlado Brekalo told me last week.

"We have a good team here. We have very good boys who are ready for Premier League and I am very confident that we can get there."

At the other end of the table Frankston Pines are sweating on the result of this Wednesday night's Football Federation Victoria tribunal hearing to decide Springvale White Eagles' protest against its recent 3–2 loss to last placed Turkish outfit Southern Stars.

The notice of the tribunal hearing states that: "The complainant has lodged a game/match protest … on the basis that the respondent fielded ineligible players – Boris Sahin, Gokturk Altiparmak and Fatih Akdogan …"

The notice also calls on Southern Stars to ensure that all three players are in attendance at Wednesday night's hearing at the Dallas Brooks Centre in East Melbourne.

I understand that Southern Stars believe that all three were eligible to compete in the game in question and will claim that FFV erred in posting erroneous information on its website.

I've been told that Akdogan was initially listed as a red card offender even though he hasn't been sent off this season.

And I hear that Southern Stars are in receipt of official FFV notification that the three players in question were ineligible to compete for the club in its catch-up game against St Albans which took place four days after the clash with White Eagles.

That documentation will be lodged with the tribunal as evidence of Southern Stars' compliance with FFV rules and to support Southern Stars' claim that the players were eligible to compete against White Eagles.

Three precious points are up for grabs here as Pines and White Eagles are locked in a bitter relegation stoush.

Same old shenanigans

JUST when I was starting to think that we'd grown up a wee bit as a sport comes news of a State League club recently offering big bucks to an upcoming opponent to lie down.

If we had a draft system in vogue it would be called tanking but let's simply call it what it is – cheating and attempted bribery.

The offer was made by the home club just over a fortnight ago but fortunately the president of the visiting club refused to play ball.

And I thought this particular home club's president was a decent and reasonable man. More fool me.

It just goes to show how desperate times can bring out the worst in some people.

And when you analyse this president's actions they don't really make much sense – on a financial level at least.

He's put thousands of dollars into his club with very little return on the field so why wouldn't he be better cutting his costs by dropping down a division and trying to develop more local playing talent rather than paying outsiders to carry the club into a relegation battle?

From my perspective it seems that this particular club president has a lot more money than sense. Or moral fibre for that matter.

Andy's eyes are smiling

ANDY O'Dell watched from afar as South Melbourne crashed and burned in this season's Premier League finals series.

O'Dell doubtless was grinning from ear to ear with news the other week that Hume City had beaten Souths 2–0 in the elimination final.

O'Dell had to fly to England a fortnight ago due to a family illness but before he left he delivered one of his trademark tirades, this time taking aim at Souths midfielder Fernando de Moraes.

The Brazilian maestro was at the centre of a storm a couple of days earlier for his part in a controversial deciding goal that cemented Souths' finals spot and ended Sunshine George Cross's season.

Given that Goal! Weekly's report of the goal was different to O'Dell's, for the sake of balance let's hear how O'Dell described it:

"Our goalkeeper threw the ball out so that a player could receive treatment. This Fernando guy calls our keeper closer so that he can throw the ball back to him from the throw-in but instead of heading back to the halfway line he chases down his own throw, robs the keeper then scores," said O'Dell.

"There was nothing big Perry (Mur, the referee) could do about it but I was bloody furious. And the way they celebrated the goal made me sick to my stomach.

"It just shows you how low this club has gone. I remember when they were a big club, one of the biggest in Australia but look at them now."

O'Dell offered much more colourful and descriptive adjectives to describe his feelings about de Moraes and the controversial goal but for the sake of decency (and defamation laws) it's best they remain unpublished.

Karma Chameleon: South midfielder Fernando de Moraes celebrates his goal in the final round of the VPL against Sunshine Georgies and creates an uproar in the process.

Plunging into the abyss

FOR THE first time in Victorian football history Sandringham City is off the State League radar after having its relegation to Provisional One South-East confirmed on Saturday when it lost 3–0 to title-chasing Berwick City.

Getting dumped from the State Leagues has been likened to disappearing down an enormous black hole in freefall and for many clubs these past few years it has been difficult to recover in the short term.

But Sandringham is no stranger to finishing in a relegation position in the lowest State League. It happened to the club some years ago but it had two friends on the old State League management committee who were instrumental in Sandy successfully applying to retain its State League status.

I know because I contacted both of these then Victorian Soccer Federation administrators about the club's plight and, from Sandringham's perspective, they reacted positively.

Pity help the Provisional League club back then that should have been promoted but today's Provisional League promotion candidates can rest assured that this time round Sandringham has no political strings to pull and even if it had it would not make one iota of difference.

Sandringham started the season with former Richmond captain James Baskerville at the coaching helm but he quit partway through the campaign with the team anchored to the bottom of the league ladder.

The club committee appointed Jamie Speight ahead of Noel Mitten to the vacant coaching post knowing that Speight would be unavailable for the last three games of the season as he was heading overseas.

As matters transpired, Speight left a week ahead of schedule for family reasons and his assistant, Niall Shearer, took over but to no avail.

Sandringham's fall from grace is historical on two counts for next season another first will take place when it plays league games against neighbouring Beaumaris, which already has clinched promotion from Provisional Two South-East.

For many years now Sandringham has missed out on local derbies due to the demise of both Brighton and Moorabbin City so its clashes with Beaumaris should be season highlights for the club in 2010.

Not that the Sandy stalwarts are excited about that prospect at the moment. No, right now many of them are preoccupied with trying to work out just where they went so horribly wrong after overseeing one of the worst seasons in the Sillitoe Reserve club's 60-year history.

Home Sweet (rectangular) Home

Spring-like sunshine and an impossibly blue sky light the lush green grass of Gosch's Paddock on the walk along Olympic Boulevard. Interrupting the endless blue sky is the façade of the newest addition to the menagerie of Melbourne's world-class sports facilities, rippling bubbles of bone-white metal spreading freely, surrounding the stadium's inner design.

The grace of the exterior belies the 2,500 tonnes of steel used in its construction, and will eventually, from the outside, almost entirely disguise the 35,000 cubic metres of concrete that forms the stadium's innards. When at capacity, a bio-frame roof fitted with thousands of programmable LED lights will provide extensive weather-protection for the 30,000-plus crowds.

Elite training, recovery and medical facilities, lap pool, vast office space, 1000-person dining room and 24 corporate suites will be housed within the new environmentally conscious stadium. The design feats and aesthetic results are astounding, as is the stadium's very existence, merely five years after the re-launch of an Australian domestic football league.

The idea of a purpose-built, world-class rectangular facility in the heart of oval-sports country would have been considered deeply incongruous just years ago. The $267.5 million government venture is recognition of Victory's hitherto achievement and the immovable presence of football in the state.

Standing inside, on the arid ground on which locally-grown turf will be laid, the MCG is clearly seen through a gap in the construction, as if a purposely-left visual reference to the stadium's imposition in an AFL town. The humming of work trucks, clanking chains of cranes, and shrieking of power tools constant sounds of progress of football in the region.

Victory captain Kevin Muscat has been a part of the football revolution since its incepetion. As a high-profile Socceroo, his initial faith in the Hyundai A-League has been vindicated.

"As a kid, and even coming back five years ago, I would never have thought I'd be playing in a rectangular stadium – a proper football stadium – that rivals most stadiums in Europe," he effuses, as we look equally amiss in our matching hardhats and incandescent safety vests.

The bubble of construction begins to take shape along the Swan Street promenade.

"It's going to be 30-odd thousand, dare I say that we'll fill most of the games at home. Hopefully the sold-out sign is up quite a few times. The actual stadium itself, right through from surface, to looks, to comfort, as I said, is going to rival most, or quite a few, of where our international stars ply their trade now."

Replicating the quality of playing conditions available overseas is integral to the Hyundai A-League's continued growth. The new stadium provides a valuable selling point for recruiting players of increased quality and selling Australia as a worthy stage for the World Cup.

Muscat waits expectedly for the end to Victory's transitory existence that the new stadium will bring. In his years at the club, the team's headquarters, training base and home ground have been spread across three different locations.

"Having a purpose-built, rectangular stadium that we can actually call home – we'll be training here, we'll be coming here for all our meetings, we'll live here basically," he says. "Having somewhere we can actually call home will be a massive advantage for us. And, personally, I can't wait."

The Docklands stadium has served as a more-than-worthy makeshift home for Victory, enabling them to set attendance records which fellow Hyundai A-League club aren't in a position to rival.

"When Etihad Stadium is at its best, after the football the season… the conditions of that stadium, the surface and the stadium itself is second to none," Muscat attests. But the new stadium will bring a stronger sense of belonging: a dwelling built with express consideration for its tenants, cementing football's identity in Victoria.

Accustomed to watching beyond the running track of Olympic Park, or from behind stretches of grass left by the white-lined creation of a rectangular pitch on the oval surface of the Docklands, for many Victorian-based Hyundai A-League supporters, watching football on a rectangular stadium will be foreign.

This unmatched supporter-base encouraged the stadium's construction. "I think the reality is now when you see the membership, the attendances that we're generating here in Melbourne, I suppose the cream on top of the cake is the stadium," Muscat says in tribute to Victory fans.

Muscat is still unsure whether he'll set foot on the new pitch in a playing capacity but despite his awe for the new facility, it doesn't come into calculations about his future. "No, it certainly won't influence my decision," he states.

"I'm going to be involved in the football club one way or another when this stadium is open. The idea is to make the best football stadium in this country a cauldron for the Melbourne Victory."

Build it and they will come. Melbourne Victory can be sure of this, as their legion of support has already done so in the four years of the club's existence. But as of next year, the Victory contingent of support will converge on a new home.

By Sebastian Kipman

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2:45am MUTV EPL Man Utd vs Arsenal

Wednesday 2nd September
9am Setanta Sports Cup Glentoran vs Bohemians
8:30pm Barca TV: La Liga Barcelona vs Sporting Gijon

Thursday 3rd September
10:45am Copa Sudamericana Athletico Paranaense vs Botafogo LIVE

Saturday 5th September
11:55pm World Cup Qualifier Scotland vs Macedonia LIVE

Sunday 6th September
2:25am International England vs Slovenia LIVE
4:25am World Cup Qualifier Switzerland vs Greece LIVE
6:25am World Cup Qualifier Columbia vs Equador LIVE
8:25am World Cup Qualifier Paraguay vs Bolivia LIVE
10:25am World Cup Qualifier Argentina vs Brazil LIVE
12:45pm World Cup Qualifier Croatia vs Belarus
2:30pm World Cup Qualifier Turkey vs Estonia

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8:30pm World Cup Qualifier Chile vs Venezuela

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'Danny Tiatto is not going to make a mistake on purpose'

'I'll never play at Wembley again, unless I play at Wembley again'

'You need 88 points for the title and we've got 61 at present with 16 games to go, but if you set targets you limit yourself'

'We deserved to win this game after hammering them 0-0 in the first half'

'He's got a heart as big as his size, which isn't big, but his heart's bigger than that'

'Well, if that's true then it would be a big suprise, but then nothing surprises me in football these days.'

'You get bunches of players like you do bananas, though that is a bad comparison.'

'Not many teams will come to Arsenal and get anything, home or away'

'Shaun Wright-Phillips has got a big heart. It's as big as him, which isn't very big, but it's bigger'

'Nicolas Anelka left Arsenal for £23million and they built a training ground on him'

'As far as I'm concerned, Danny Tiatto doesn't exist'

'One team with destiny already decided...'

'Maine Road was a great football stadium but as time moved on it stayed where it is...'

'You're not just getting international football, you're getting world football'

'Football's always easier when you've got the ball'

WAG OF THE WEEK

Valentina Liguori Age: 31
Insignificant other: AC Milan defender Gianluca Zamgrotta

CORNTHWAITE CHARGED FOR ALLEGED INCIDENT

Adelaide United FC defender Robert Cornthwaite has been charged with basic assault on a bouncer at a city night club and for withholding information from South Australian police.

Adelaide United Football Club CEO Sam Ciccarello confirmed the charges against Cornthwaite after the alleged incident, which took place just after midnight on Sunday 30 August 2009.

It is the first time an Adelaide United player has been charged for any social incident since the club's inception in 2003.

"It's alleged that Robert Cornthwaite was involved in an alleged assault very early this morning, at around midnight, at an Adelaide night club," Ciccarello stated.

"Robbie is being charged with basic assault and with withholding personal details from the South Australian police."

Cornthwaite was kept at a police watch house before being released a short time after the alleged incident, the defender to appear in the Magistrates Court on November 4, 2009.

Adelaide United has informed Football Federation Australia (FFA) of the alleged incident, Ciccarello saying the club is in the process of gathering further information before deciding on whether to enforce any sanctions on Cornthwaite.

"The club is already conducting a collection of information so we can determine if there has been any breach of the code of conduct. We've advised the FFA (Football Federation Australia) of the alleged incident and the FFA, through its disciplinary committee, will commence its own review of the information at hand as of tomorrow and will determine its position in terms of any code of conduct issues with the game itself and the player's behaviour," Ciccarello said.

"We're obviously very disappointed with Robbie that the incident has allegedly occurred, there's a fair bit of process still to take its course here…obviously Robbie is disappointed that he's put himself in a position that he found himself in, and we will commence a review process of the information and through our code of conduct will determine what actions will be appropriate."

Cornthwaite will join the rest of The Reds' squad as per normal for the club's training session today at 10.00am at Hindmarsh Stadium.

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When Carnival Football Came To Town

Most people know that football, the round ball game, was the first of the codes to start a national league when it kicked-off in 1977. But long before the National Soccer League began, Australian state and club teams met in national competition in a series of carnivals which stretch back into the pre-First World War years.

Indeed the first inter-state match was held way back in 1883 when Victoria played New South Wales in Melbourne. Western Australia toured the eastern states in 1909—an adventure story beautifully told by Richard Kreider in his book The Soccerites. A new South Wales team went to New Zealand in 1904 and the Kiwis came to NSW the following year. A national body was formed as the Commonwealth Football (Australia) in 1912, which changed its name to the Australian Soccer Football Association in 1921.

The interstate carnivals began in 1913. Distance had always been a powerful disincentive to regular competition, so it made sense to have an end-of-season gathering of the leading clubs or state representative teams to compare standards and/or find an overall champion. In 1924, the Football Association in England presented a Challenge Cup to the Australian Football Association for competition on inter-state lines. This was one of series of trophies given to the various overseas associations which were affiliated to the FA at the time. The one given to Australia currently sits in the Football Federation of Victoria boardroom. There was an interstate carnival in Sydney in 1932. Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and Queensland and NSW took part, with the host coming out on top. The last pre-war carnival was held in Adelaide in 1936, again won by New South Wales.

After a number of failed attempts, and the refusal of New South Wales to stage the competition, the first post-war carnival was held in Melbourne from 7 to 9 June 1952 and this time Victoria was crowned champion. Only four teams took part, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and the host. The Governor of Victoria, Sir Dallas Brooks, attended and was presented to the competing teams. Aggregate crowds over the first two days were in the order of 20,000 and between 6 and 10,000 watched the final round of games. Matches were played at Toorak Park Oval and Olympic Park, in its pre-1956 condition which was quite primitive. Fans were asked to make a voluntary contribution of 4 shillings (20 p) at the Sunday game at Olympic Park and nearly £1000 ($2000) was raised.

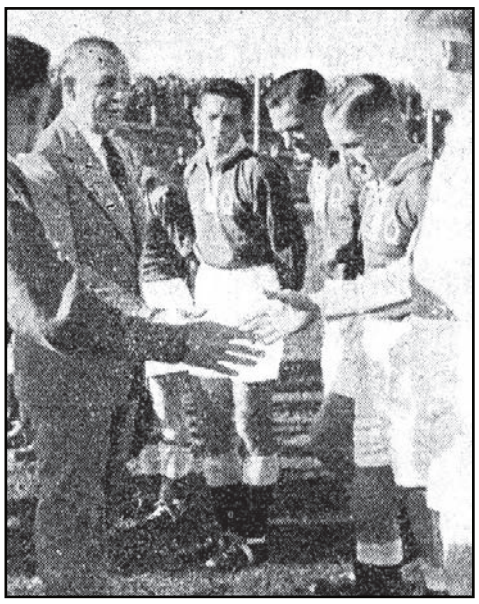
New South Wales was the raging favourite, but Victoria downed all three opponents culminating in a 3-1 win over New South Wales. In the latter stages of the final game, New South Wales's rumbustious centre-forward Frank 'Snipper' Parsons made a strong tackle on Victoria's elegant playmaker Sergio Bassi. The Juventus star was so incensed he picked up a lump of mud and threw it at Parsons hitting him square on the face. Parsons chased Bassi around the pitch and landed a punch which resulted in his being sent off. About 20 spectators joined in a brawl on the ground, and when Joe Lachmann unwisely went on to the New South Wales bus to wish them well after the game, there was a further altercation.

Comedian and chairman of Fulham Football Club, Tommy Trinder was in Australia at the time and he entertained the participants at dinner at Federal Hotel at the conclusion of the competition.

Subsequent post-war carnivals took place in 1954 in Adelaide, in 1960 in Melbourne, again won by the Vics, and in Sydney and Brisbane in 1962 and 1963–4. There were other, more restricted competitions, some of which involved a limited number of club teams, and it would be worthwhile compiling a comprehensive list. In 1967, for example, a four-team friendly competition was held in Adelaide with West Adelaide Hellas, Adelaide City-Juventus, Croatia and Juventus of Melbourne taking part. The winning team or state could claim bragging rights, though the carnivals had no official status. Interestingly, it was women who took the lead in establishing a formal national football championship in 1974. The first women's national competition took place in Sydney in August 1974, with five states taking part. New South Wales won the competition from Northern New South Wales. By 1981 nine teams were taking part and a junior competition was begun in 1985

In addition to these carnivals, many of the migrant communities organised tournaments and social events for their members from round Australia. Maltese, Macedonians, Hungarians, Germans and Croatians, among others, had intermittent or regular picnics and games at regional, state or national level.

The victorious Vics in 1952. Photo: Soccer News, 14 June 1952, p. 1.
Top row: Bassi (Juventus), Lachmann (Hakoah), Czaudern (Polonia), Goddard (Box Hill), Barbour (Prahran), Mouchka (Hakoah).
Front row: Calderevic (JUST), Drennen (Sunshine Utd), Heath (Moreland), Clarke (Captain, Moreland), Bambro (Brighton), Copeland (Juventus), Jack Wilson (Brighton).
Absent: Zakomarok (JUST), Joe Wilson (Prahran), Zblocki (Polonia).



The Governor of Victoria, Sir Dallas Brooks, being introduced to the Queensland players by their captain, Bob Lawrie. Photo: Soccer News, 14 June 1952, p. 3.

The Football Association trophy presented to the Australian Football Association in 1924. Photo: Roy Hay.

South Australian keeper Gratzis grabs the ball ahead of Victorian winger Jackie Wilson at the carnival in Melbourne. Photo: Soccer News, 5 July 1952.

By Roy Hay

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Teams for the interstate carnival in Victoria in 1952

Victoria: Steve Czauderna, Eric Heath, Mouchka, Sergio Bassi, Pat Clarke, Angus Drennen, Joe Wilson, Joe Lachmann, Vlado Caldarevic, Stefan Zakomarok, Jack Wilson, Goddard, Barbour, Joe Bambro, Copeland, Zblocki.
New South Wales: W Mahoney, Cliff Almond, D Wendt, George Arthur, Bob Bignall, Eric Duff, Charlie Stewart, George Russell, Frank 'Snipper' Parsons, Reg Date, A Gazzard, Kevin O'Neill, R Lee, F Sands, Sammy North, D Cowie.
Queensland: Mitchell, Newlands, Gibb, Bob Lawrie, Coleman, Cliff Sander, Hudson, Hassett, Gordon 'Bunny' Nunn, Stewart, Mal Wild, Jardine, Wishart, Bool, Pitcairn.
South Australia: A Gratzis, J Mather, Sergio Genari, Smith, M Busodini, F Mathews, N Burattini, L Toth, F Budicin, Jock Cummings, R Bracegirdle, M O'Malley, K Heffernan, W Grace, R Morris.

Results of interstate matches

7 June 1952 at Toorak Park Oval

New South Wales (Reg Date 4, Frank Parsons, Charlie Stewart) 6 South Australia (F Budicin) 1
Victoria (Vlado Caldarevic 4, Joe Lachmann 2) 6 Queensland ('Bunny' Nunn 2) 2

8 June 1952 at Olympic Park

Victoria (Vlado Caldarevic) 2 South Australia 0
New South Wales (Reg Date 2, Duff, Gazzard) 4 Queensland ('Bunny' Nunn 2, Hassett) 3

9 June 1952 at Toorak Park Oval

Queensland (Bunny Nunn and Stewart) 2 South Australia (Burattini) 1
Victoria (Joe Lachmann, Zblocki, Vlado Caldarevic) 3 New South Wales (Reg Date) 1

SCOREBOARD

HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Sydney FC	4	3	1	0	6	2	4	10
2 Gold Coast United	4	3	0	1	10	2	8	9
3 Newcastle Jets	4	2	1	1	5	5	0	7
4 Perth Glory	4	2	0	2	5	4	1	6
5 Central Coast Mariners	4	1	2	1	3	2	-1	5
6 Brisbane Roar	4	1	2	1	6	7	-1	5
7 Melbourne Victory	4	1	1	2	5	7	-2	4
8 Wellington Phoenix	4	1	1	2	5	7	-2	4
9 Adelaide United	4	1	1	2	4	6	-2	4
10 North Queensland Fury	4	0	1	3	5	12	-7	1

NEXT WEEK

RD 05	FIXTURE	VENUE	LOCAL KO	AEST KO
Thur 3 Sep 2009	Melbourne Victory v Newcastle Jets	Etihad Stadium	7:30PM	7:30PM
Fri 4 Sep 2009	Wellington Phoenix v Adelaide United	Westpac Stadium	7:30PM	5:30PM
Fri 4 Sep 2009	Central Coast Mariners v Perth Glory	Canberra Stadium	8.00PM	8.00PM
Sat 5 Sep 2009	Gold Coast United v Sydney FC	Skilled Park	5:00PM	5:00PM
Sat 5 Sep 2009	North Qld Fury v Brisbane Roar	Dairy Farmers Stadium	7:00PM	7:00PM

TOP GOAL SCORERS

6 – Shane SMELTZ

3 – John ALOISI, Sergio VAN DIJK

2 – Robbie FOWLER, Chris GREENACRE, Carlos HERNANDEZ, Jason HOFFMAN, Branko JELIC, Lucas PANTELIS, Archie THOMPSON

1 – Danny ALLSOPP, Mark BRIDGE, Jason CULINA, Dyron DAAL, Kofi DANNING, Travis DODD, Brendan GAN, Royston GRIFFITHS, Michael MCGLINCHEY, MILSON, Jason NAIDOVSKI, Nigel BOOGAARD, Jin-Hyung SONG, Tahj MINNIECON, Daniel MCBREEN, Paul IFILL, Leo BERTOS, Danny TIATTO, HENRIQUE, Steven FITZSIMMONS, Ben SIGMUND, Wayne SRHOJ, Adriano PELLEGRINO, Victor SIKORA, Matt SIMON, Lloyd OWUSU, Sean ROONEY, Craig MOORE

MATCH DETAILS — Round 04

Adelaide United 3
(Lucas PANTELIS 23'/90+3' (pen), Lloyd OWUSU 33')
North Queensland Fury 3
(Robbie FOWLER 5', Daniel MCBREEN 83', Dyron DAAL 87')
Friday, 28 August 2009
Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide
Referee: Peter Green
Assistant Referees: Matthew Cream and Curtis Wordsworth
Fourth Official: Regis Queffelec
Crowd: 10,773

Adelaide United line-up: 1.Eugene GALEKOVIC (gk), 2.Robert CORNTHWAITE, 3.ALEMAO, 4.Iain FYFE, 7.Lucas PANTELIS (c), 10.Adam HUGHES, 11.Lloyd OWUSU (9.CRISTIANO 77'), 12. Paul REID (5.Daniel MULLEN 70'), 14.Scott JAMIESON, 17.Michael MARRONE, 21. Mark RUDAN (16.Inseob SHIN 63')

Substitutes not used: 20.Mark BIRIGHITTI (gk)

Yellow cards: Nil
Red cards: Nil

North Queensland Fury line-up: 1. Paul HENDERSON (gk), 2. Robbie MIDDLEBY, 3. Chris TADROSSE (15. Fred AGIUS 66'), 6. Ufuk TALAY, 8. Shane STEFANUTTO, 9. Robbie FOWLER (c), 16.Paul KOHLER, 18. James ROBINSON (24. Dyron DAAL 75'), 19. Daniel MCBREEN, 22. Karl DODD, 23. Rostyn GRIFFITHS (14. Chris GROSSMAN 70')

Substitutes not used: 20. Justin PASFIELD (gk)

Yellow cards: Ufuk TALAY 90+2'
Red cards: Nil

Perth Glory 2
(Branko JELIC 4'/54')
Melbourne Victory 1
(Archie THOMPSON 9')
Friday, 28 August 2009
ME Bank Stadium, Perth
Referee: Chris Beath
Assistant Referees: Matthew Cheeseman and Joe Fusari
Fourth Official: Steven Gregory
Crowd: 8,057

Perth Glory line-up: 1.Tando VELAPHI (gk), 4.Andy TODD, 6.Chris COYNE, 7.Jacob BURNS (c), 8.Victor SIKORA (25.AMARAL 80'), 10.Wayne SRHOJ, 11.Branko JELIC (24.Matthew MAYORA 85'), 12.Scott NEVILLE, 16.Adriano PELLEGRINO, 19.Naum SEKULOVSKI, 21.Mile STERJOVSKI (17.Todd HOWARTH 75')

Substitutes not used: 20.Aleks VRTESKI (gk)

Yellow cards: Jacob BURNS 42', Chris COYNE 51', Victor SIKORA 62'
Red cards: Nil

Melbourne Victory line-up: 20.Glen MOSS (gk), 5.Surat SUKHA (17.Matthew FOSCHINI 79'), 6.Leigh BROXHAM, 9.Danny ALLSOPP, 10.Archie THOMPSON, 11.NEY FABIANO (22.Nick WARD 61'), 12.Rodrigo VARGAS (c), 14.Billy CELESKI, 15.Tom PONDELJAK, 16.Carlos HERNANDEZ (8.Grant BREBNER 75'), 23.Adrian LEIJER

Substitutes not used: 1.Mitchell LANGERAK (gk)

Yellow cards: Leigh BROXHAM 23', Surat SUKHA 24', Carlos HERNANDEZ 69', Adrian LEIJER 71'
Red cards: Nil

Brisbane Roar 1
(Craig MOORE 11')
Central Coast Mariners 0
Saturday, 29 August 2009
Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
Referee: Ben Williams
Assistant Referees: Brad Hobson and Ashley Beecham
Fourth Official: Matthew Gillett
Crowd: 6,433

Brisbane Roar line-up: 1. Liam REDDY (gk), 3. Luke DEVERE, 4. Craig MOORE (c), 9. Sergio VAN DIJK, 10. Charlie MILLER (11. REINALDO 82'), 12. Matt MUNDY, 13. HENRIQUE, 15. Matt MCKAY (6. David DODD 25'), 16. Bob MALCOLM, 18. Danny TIATTO, 24. Robbie KRUSE (17. Mitch NICHOLS 74')

Substitutes not used: 20. Griffin MCMASTER (gk)

Yellow cards: David DODD 53', Matt MUNDY 63', Bob MALCOLM 81'
Red cards: Nil

Central Coast Mariners line-up: 20. Danny VUKOVIC (gk), 4. Pedj BOJIC, 5. Brad PORTER, 7. John HUTCHINSON, 8. Dean HEFFERNAN (15. Andrew CLARK 79'), 9. Nik MRDJA (22. Nicky TRAVIS 60'), 14. Michael MCGLINCHEY (21. Ahmad ELRICH 73'), 16. Nigel BOOGAARD, 18. Alex WILKINSON (c), 19. Matt SIMON, 23. Adam KWASNIK

Substitutes not used: 1. Andrew REDMAYNE (gk)

Yellow cards: Nil
Red cards: Nil

Newcastle Jets 1
(Sean ROONEY 40')
Gold Coast United 0
Sunday, 30 August 2009
EnergyAustralia Stadium, Newcastle
Referee: Matthew Breeze
Assistant Referees: Alex Glasgow and Aaron Strickland
Fourth Official: Stuart Wolfe
Crowd: 6,390

Newcastle Jets line-up: 1. Ben KENNEDY (gk), 3. Adam D'APUZZO, 4. Nikolai TOPOR-STANLEY 5. Ljubo MILICEVIC, 7. Jin-Hyung SONG, 8. Matt THOMPSON (c), 9. Sasho PETROVSKI (19. Jason NAIDOVSKI 66'), 11. Tarek ELRICH, 13. Shaun ONTONG (22. Kaz PATAFTA 30'), 15. Sean ROONEY, 17. Fabio VIGNAROLI (2. Angelo COSTANZO 45')

Substitutes not used: 20. Neil YOUNG (gk)

Yellow cards: Ljubo MILICEVIC 38', Sasho PETROVSKI 45+2'
Red cards: Nil

Gold Coast United line-up: 20. Scott HIGGINS (gk), 2. Steve PANTELIDIS (11. MILSON 55'), 3. Michael THWAITE, 7. Zenon CARAVELLA, 9. Shane SMELTZ, 10. Jason CULINA (c), 13. Sebastiaan VAN DEN BRINK, 14. Joel PORTER, 16. Kristian REES, 22. Adama TRAORE, 23. Steve FITZSIMMONS (24. ANDERSON 63')

Substitutes not used: 40. Robert BAJIC (gk), 4. Daniel PIORKOWSKI

Yellow cards: Adama TRAORE 50', Michael THWAITE 87'
Red cards: Nil

Sydney FC 2
(Brendan GAN 77', John ALOISI 81')
Wellington Phoenix 0
Sunday, 30 August 2009
Sydney Football Stadium, Sydney
Referee: Strebre Delovski
Assistant Referees: Rodney Allan

Fourth Official: Sarah Ho and Kris Griffiths-Jones
Crowd: 11,718

Sydney FC line-up: 1. Clint BOLTON (gk), 3. Stephan KELLER, 4. Simon COLOSIMO, 6. Karol KISEL, 9. John ALOISI (c) (17. Matthew JURMAN 87'), 11. Kofi DANNING (10. Steve CORICA 59'), 12. Shannon COLE, 14. Alex BROSQUE, 15. Terry MCFLYNN (7. Brendan GAN 32'), 19. Mark BRIDGE, 22. Sung Hwan BYUN

Substitutes not used: 20. Ivan NECEVSKI (gk)

Yellow cards: Nil
Red cards: Nil

Wellington Phoenix line-up: 20. Reece CROWTHER (gk), 2. Manny MUSCAT, 3. Tony LOCHHEAD, 4. Jon McKAIN, 5. DIEGO (17. Vince LIA 43'), 7. Leo BERTOS, 8. Paul IFILL. 9. Chris GREENACRE (13. Troy HEARFIELD 75'), 10. Michael FERRANTE (11. DANIEL 80'), 18. Ben SIGMUND, 22. Andrew DURANTE (c)

Substitutes not used: 30. Jonathan GOULD (gk)

Yellow cards: Paul IFILL 21'
Red cards: Nil

GOLD STOCKS CRASH!

By Con Stamocostas

The story of round four was Gold Coast United falling down to earth with an Icarus like thud after Newcastle Jets Striker Sean "looks like Wayne" Rooney scored a cracker that melted the wings of Gold Coast United's billionaire owner Clive Palmer.

The Prophecy that Gold Coast United would go into their inaugural A League season undefeated proved a false one. Let's see what Clive Palmer and Miron Bleiberg will say this week. I'm sure other clubs will be happy to offer up servings of humble pie.

Sydney FC bounced back from lasts week's long ball nightmare with a pretty comfortable 2-0 home win over bogey side Wellington Phoenix.

The introduction of Steve Corica midway through the second half provided the impetus for Sydney to go on and win the game. Both goals came late in the second half with John Aloisi getting on the end of a fine Alex Brosque cross to score the crucial second goal. This time the Socceroo was applauded rather than booed off the field when he was substituted late in the match. A far different scenario from the contrasting scene last season when the Sydney FC boo boys were on Aloisi's case

The Gold Coast United – Sydney FC encounter on Saturday early evening looms as the season's first top of the table clash. The clash of the A League biggest egos will certainly be the game of round five.

So back to the opening game of round four and it should have seen North Queensland Fury get their first ever three points. The Fury played well against lacklustre Adelaide United. However the Fury had to settle for a 3-3 after Adelaide scored a late penalty to tie the game. Robbie Fowler opened the scoring for the Fury with a great volley from a Paul Robinson cross. The Scouse legend ran over 50 metres to meet that cross after he initially started the build up play in his won half. It's the longest the former Liverpool legend has run in over three seasons and my sources tell me Robbie may have just finished huffing and puffing now.

Fury Striker Dyron Dall sounds like an Indian dish and the former Netherlands Antilles Striker substitute performance in the second half for the Fury was both spicy and sour. With the score 2-1 to the Reds, Dall scored the equaliser after he was let through on goal by an excellent ball by Fred Agius. Aguis then supplied another excellent cross and the Fury led 3-2. However Dall was somehow tricked into playing volleyball and gave away a ludicrous late penalty which was converted by Lucas Pantelis who ended up getting a double.

The much talked about Perth Glory have finally started to live up to the hype and high expectations. The Glory played with a quicker tempo than in previous games and took advantage of the Victory's hectic travel schedule to beat the current A League champions 2-1. Melbourne had to endure two long away trips in a row the first was in Townsville last week, the next trip to Perth seemed like it was one long road trip too many. Branko Jelic will never score two easier goals.

The Brisbane Roar is losing more friends and fans with every game they play. Their last two home games have yielded only 14 thousand fans and Matt McKay's injury makes their midfield look thin and injured. Craig Moore had his best game for the Roar in what was an unspectacular 1-0 win over the Central Coast Mariners.

Round four was a much better spectacle than last week. The Glory and particularly the Jets surprise win over the White Shoe Brigade of the Gold Coast makes the A League much more than a one horse race and its unpredictable nature is just what the fans want to see, unlike some other more illustrious Football competitions that are played around the world.

JOHN CLARK'S KISS OF DEATH Round 05

(http://www.onthepunt.com.au/soccer_aleague.php)

GOLD COAST (2nd) Vs SYDNEY (1st)

The early season table toppers face off at Skilled Park on Saturday night, in a match up that will decide who the early favourite for the title is. Clive Palmers dream of an unbeaten season came to an abrupt halt on Sunday thanks to some careful planning by Branko Culina. It will be interesting to see how the Gold Coast respond to some of the criticism they will undoubtedly receive during the week. Sydney was able to snatch a victory deep into the second half for the third time this season. They don't seem to be playing with absolute fluency, but ominously are still grinding out results. Perhaps the best news for Sydney was that marquee man John Aloisi was able to find the back of the net for the third time this season, meaning he has already bettered last year's tally. I don't think the Gold Coast enjoyed their first taste of defeat and I'm sure they will be keen to make amends in what should be a thriller.

HOME WIN

WELLINGTON (7th) V ADELAIDE (9th)

Adelaide United travels to Wellington on Friday hoping to start resurrecting what has been a horrific start to the season. After struggling to find the back of the net for the first three rounds of the season they scored three times against North Queensland on Friday Night. Unfortunately for Aurelio Vidmar they forgot how to defend and were lucky to take a point from the match in the end. The night only got worse from there on with defender Robert Cornthwaite charged for allegedly assaulting a bouncer after heading out with team mates to drown their sorrows. The Phoenix came to Sydney looking like a side that would be ecstatic to escape with a point. The plan almost worked before late goals to Brendan Gan and John Aloisi meant that Ricki Herbert's men left empty handed. It's very hard to pick a winner here in a contest that has traditionally produced bucket loads of goals.

DRAW

MELBOURNE (7th) Vs NEWCASTLE (3rd)

The Jets travel to Melbourne on Thursday night chock full of confidence after defeating the previously unbeaten Gold Coast at home on Sunday. They frustrated the Gold Coast for long periods of time by pushing players behind the ball and countering quickly. In stark contrast the Victory have started their campaign poorly with only one win in four starts. They showed glimpses of last seasons form on Friday night against Perth, but some of their defending must be of grave concern to Ernie Merrick. The Victory will be desperate for three points here, but must be patient as it is hard to see Branko Culina changing the counter attacking game plan that paid dividends against the Gold Coast. Despite Newcastle's astonishing record against the Victory (they have only lost three times to the Victory in twelve encounters) I think that Ernie Merrick's men will come out on top in a tight tussle.

HOME WIN

CENTRAL COAST (5th) Vs PERTH (4th)

After a slow start to the season the Perth Glory's host of big name recruits are starting to gel. The Glory had there second win in a row at home this year on Friday night, thanks to a brace from new front man Branko Jelic. The Central Coast has had a little dip in form after their opening night victory over defending champions Melbourne. Since that match they have only managed to score once and really struggled to fathom any meaningful chances against the Roar on Saturday. The Central Coast can however take some solace from the fact that they haven't lost to the Glory since Round 2 2006. Despite this impressive record I fancy that the Glory will take something out of this game, even if it isn't all three points.

DRAW

NORTH QUEENSLAND (10th) Vs BRISBANE (6th)

The Fury was finally able to open their account this season with a thrilling draw in Adelaide on Friday night. Dutch striker Dyron Daal experienced the highs and lows of football, firstly drawing the Fury level with an intelligent finish, before inexplicably conceding a last minute penalty via a ridiculous hand ball. It was the same old Roar at Suncorp Stadium on Saturday, producing a glut of opportunities, but still struggling to find the back of the net. Fortunately this time it didn't come back to bite them and they held on thanks to Craig Moore's powerful header. North Queensland has shown some great signs in the past fortnight, but I think a side with the fire power of Brisbane might be a bit much for them.

AWAY WIN

A League Import Watch:

Sung Hwan Byun for Sydney FC had his best game of the season so far. Karol Kisel and Stephen Keller were strong in a round were the locals made most of the good headlines. Newcastle Jets duo Song and Vignaroli played well with the former showing some neat skill and the latter also played well but unfortunately for the Jets seems injury prone. Henrique for Brisbane Roar is showing quality every week and just imagine what Charlie Miller could do if he had the fitness of an athlete.

A-League Socceroo Watch:

John Aloisi, Ljubo Milicevic, Chris Coyne, Craig Moore and Shane Stefanutto had dominant displays for their teams while Jason Culina and Mile Sterjovsjki were quiet; the latter is still to show his best this season.

Hot Spot:

Fred Agius showed us that he has the skills to pay the bills. Aguis is the X factor the Fury need and set up both goals in the second half for the Fury.

Odd Spot:

From historic hero to absurd zero, Dyron Dall had what is called a brain explosion giving away a penalty to deny the Fury their first ever historic A League win.

Goal Weekly Quotes:

The Father is better the Son:
"They have played well but they are not world-beaters," said Jets boss Branko Culina pre game. "He (Jason) keeps telling me we haven't got a player good enough to take him out of the game. I told him I don't want to embarrass him."

Goal of the Week:

Sean Rooney made Bass Van Den Brink look like a confused Albino. Rooney turned the Dutchman inside out and smashed a shot into the net to re-ignite the Jets season.

Team of the Week:

GK:Galekovic (ADL), LB:Byun(SYD), CB:Milicevic(NEW), CB:Coyne(PER), RB:Elrich (NEW), LM: Agius(FURY), GAN:(SYD) CM:Corica(SYD) RM:Song(NEW) FW:Fowler(FURY) FW:Rooney(NEW)

Round Five Predictions:

Melb Victory 1 v 2 Newcastle Jets
Phoenix 2 v 1 Adelaide United
Central Coast 1 v 2 Perth Glory
Gold Coast United 2 v 2 Sydney FC
North Qld Fury 2 v 1 Brisbane Roar

AUFC	NQFC
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MATCH DETAILS

Adelaide United 3
(Lucas PANTELIS 23'/90+3' (pen), Lloyd OWUSU 33')
North Queensland Fury 3
(Robbie FOWLER 5', Daniel MCBREEN 83', Dyron DAAL 87')
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Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide
Crowd: 10,773

PLAYER RATINGS

AUFC

20 Eugene Galekovic - 7 - Was let down by his defence, handled challenges well, woodwork saved him
2. Robert Cornthwaite - 6 - Worked hard, consistent reliable defending, needed to dig a bit deeper
3 Alemao - 6 - Quiet in this match was well marked, provided some good defence work
4 Iain Fyfe - 6 - Improvement on last week but not in game enough, stepped up towards the end too little too late
7 Lucas Pantelis - 7 - Wore captains armband, huge game voracious in attack, clever goal in 23rd, died down in 2nd half
10Adam Hughes - 5 - Another non eventful midfield display, 1 step behind pace, went AWOL for most of match
11 Lloyd Owusu (77th) - 6 - Very strong 1-on-1, looks the goods, quality goal in 33rd, great celebration, crowd favourite
12 Paul Reid (71st) - 6 - Took time to get into match, some glimpses of former form, lack of match fitness obvious
14 Scott Jamieson - 6 - Some good legwork, poor passing on occasions, tried hard to score
17 Michael Marrone - 7 - Came into match midway through 1st half, mature performance, played with heart
21 Mark Rudan (63rd) - 6 - Some early mistakes, looked a little rusty, hope to see him bounce back to the form we know

Subs
16 Inseob Shin - 6 - (63rd) Had minimal touches in his time on, needed to spark up the attack
5 Daniel Mullen - 5 - (71st) Poor, at times caught at 6's and 7's with his opposition, disappointing
9 Cristiano - 6 - (77th) Good input, missed chance to put his name up in lights in 93rd to score match winner

NQF

1 Paul Henderson - 5 - Left stranded at times, caught off line too often, expected more from former Leicester keeper
2 Robbie Middleby - 7 - Great consistent defending, some crucial clearances and tackles, great physicality about him
3 Chris Tadrosse - 7 - Real threat to Adelaide like a terrier all over the park, huge 2nd half
6 Ufuk Talay - 7 - Stayed calm in midfield, great vision created space for Fury
8 Shane Stefanutto - 7 - Kept Alemao very quiet, did job asked of him worked very hard
9 Robbie Fowler - 8 - Absolute quality, cut above the rest, experience obvious, unlucky not to add to early goal, pleasure to watch
16 Paul Kohler - 7 - Started well, did great job containing Owusu, strong defender
18 James Robinson - 6 - Missed great chance to score in 31st, unbalanced and shaky at times
19 Daniel McBreen - 7 - Tenacious strong performance, held ball up well, chance to be hero in 72nd
22 Karl Dodd - 7 - Stood up to challenges, one of the stronger for Fury on the night
23 Rostyn Griffiths - 7 - Tall timber gave his all, always had a go when possible, unlucky not to score

Subs
15 Fred Agius - 8 - (66th) Limited time on park but great injection, classy contribution, good runs down left, great assists for last 2 goals
14 Chris Grossman - 6 - (71st) Minimal impact for his time on
24 Dyron Daal - 7 - (77th) Super-sub, great 2nd goal, unfortunate push onto ball resulted in pen for AUFC

The Fury's Ufuk Talay leads the protests after a last minute penalty decision denied the North Queenslanders their first win of the season. Talay earned a caution for his troubles. PHOTO BY ADAM BUTLER

Lucky Reds leave Fury furious

By Lee Gagliardi / Player Ratings by Nat Adamopoulos

Adelaide United scored an equaliser right at the death to earn a draw and deny North Queensland Fury its first win of the season as the sides played out a 3-3 thriller.

A last gasp penalty from acting captain Lucas Pantelis saw the Reds equalise after it had squandered a 2-1 half time lead to trail 3-2 with minutes remaining.

United boss Aurelio Vidmar described the result as more than fortunate, "Absolutely. We were very lucky."

The Fury enjoyed some bright passages and slick passing and were led from the front by inspirational captain Robbie Fowler. Fowler may not be the same man that scored 183 goals for Liverpool, but his turn of the hips and dropping of the shoulder showed he is still all class and a legend of the world game.

United started the stronger of the two sides with Lloyd Owusu handed his first start of the season for the Reds due to injuries to captain Travis Dodd and Cassio.

Owusu's presence upfront will bring calls for him to hold down a regular starting berth and perhaps a two pronged attack featuring Cristiano.

For all of United's early domination, Fury needed only four minutes and one swift counter attack to open the scoring and put the Reds on the back foot.

Robbie Fowler collected the ball in the centre circle before laying off and running 50m to finish the move. A pin point James Robinson cross from the right saw Fowler side foot home from just inside the area. His shot flew under the body of United keeper Eugene Galekovic and silenced the 10,773 home crowd.

The Reds were clearly shell shocked by the goal and took some time in regaining control of the match. Fury could have stamped its authority on the match but United survived another scare when Michael Marrone cleared off the line.

United continued to push and got an equaliser in the 23rd minute courtesy of Lucas Pantelis. A neat interchange of passes which involved Paul Reid found young gun Michael Marrone on the right who lobbed a high cross into the 18yrd box. Pantelis superbly brought the ball down with his left foot, taking it past Paul Kohler, then struck with his right beating Fury keeper Paul Henderson.

Fury had a chance to make it 2-1 in the 31st minute when James Robinson latched onto a neat layoff from Daniel McBreen before firing his shot straight at Galekovic who was playing his 100th league game. Robinson got another bite of the cherry but Galekovic tipped his second attempt over the bar.

Fury would rue missed chances as Owusu scored on his first start for United a minute later. Jamieson and Pantelis shared the ball on the left before the interim captain whipped in a cross to the far post. Owusu was able to outjump his opponent and watch his header bounce past Henderson in the Fury goal. His eccentric celebration, which looked like it came straight from a rap video, announced a new fan favourite had arrived. The 'robot' dance may be a sign of things to come for United.

Fury almost equalised five minutes into the second half as Robbie Fowler turned back the clock. Fowler was released on the left, looked up and put in a through ball with one touch, all without breaking stride. Royston Griffiths was on the end of the delightful pass but his shot was tipped onto the bar by Galekovic.

North Queensland hit the woodwork again after Fowler and Ufuk Talay combined from a corner. Fowler teed up Talay whose long range effort curled towards the back post. Galekovic threw himself to the ball at the last second managing to get his fingertips on it, helping the ball onto the post.

With less than 30 minutes remaining, former United player Fred Aguis returned to his once home ground and proved to be an almost match winner for Fury. Aguis combined well with McBreen and Fowler and caused United all sorts of problems down the left.

In the 82nd minute, Aguis released fellow substitue Dyron Daal who nailed the equaliser from 18yrds. With Daal bearing down on goal, Galekovic was caught in no man's land just inside the box. Anticipating the chip the United custodian jumped, only for Daal to slide the leveller under the advancing keeper.

Four minutes later Aguis and Fowler played a sublime one-two which allowed Aguis some space on the left. He weighted an inch perfect cross to the head of McBreen who was waiting patiently on the back post. His header beat Galekovic and looked to gift Fury its first win of the season.

Some late drama denied Fury a chance to claim all three points when substitute Daal went from hero to villain. A long throw saw Daal handle the ball in the box as he was caught between two defenders. Referee Peter Green had no hesitation in pointing to the spot deep into injury time. Stand in captain Lucas Pantelis made no mistake sending Henderson the wrong way and bring the match level.

Cristiano could have stolen the win for United, with his glancing header from an Alemao cross missing the post by inches.

Acting captain Lucas Pantelis said United's form needs to improve, "We're playing good, but it's only in patches. We can't maintain it for 90 minutes." This was something coach Aurelio Vidmar also noted labelling his team as "fragile" after the match, "We were very fragile tonight. Mentally that's where we are. We're playing very jittery."

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MATCH DETAILS

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Wellington Phoenix 0
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Referee: Strebre Delovski
Crowd: 11,718

PLAYER RATINGS

SFC
Bolton: 7. Rarely tested, but effective.
Cole: 6. Slightly better than in previous games, but his defensive deficiencies are still apparent.
Colosimo: 7. A strong game in the middle of defence.
Keller: 8. One of Sydney's best, unbeatable in the air and far less addicted to the long ball than usual.
Byun: 7. His best game for Sydney FC, by some distance.
Danning: 5. Very quiet by his standards.
McFlynn: 6. Replaced early.
Kisel: 6. Ran very hot and cold, but did contribute to many of Sydney's better moves.
Brosque: 7. A fine cross for the second goal.
Bridge: 7. Lively; appears to be rediscovering his confidence.
Aloisi: 7. His return to form is a godsend for the club.

Substitutes:
Gan: 7. A good goal, and always looking to make things happen.
Corica: 7. Lively and inventive at the end.
Jurman: N/A. Late substitute for Aloisi.

WPFC
Crowther: 7. Apart from his early blunder, he had an excellent game. Not at fault for either goal.
Muscat: 6. Combative, but gave away too many fouls.
Sigmund: 7. One of the Phoenix's better performers on the night. Strong in the air.
Durante: 6. Not bad.
Lochhead: 6. Did a good job on Danning early, but could have involved himself more at the other end.
Ferrante: 4. Just doesn't do enough in central midfield, either in attack or defence.
McKain: 5. Anonymous.
Bertos: 8. If Wellington were going to get anything out of the match, this was the man who was going to make it happen.
Diego: 3. A dreadful performance, but lack of fitness may have played a part.
Ifill: 7. Very lively at times, the only player apart from Bertos who looked like creating chances.
Greenacre: 5. Not involved at all, although poor service was partly to blame.

Substitutes:
Lia: 6. One or two good moments, but average otherwise.
Hearfield: N/A. Not on for long enough to make a difference.
Daniel: N/A. See Hearfield.

Substitute Brendan Gan breaks the deadlock and sends Sydney FC on its way to the top of the A-league standings. PHOTO BY GEOFF JONES

Sydney's super streak continues

By Mike Salter

Sydney FC have made their best start in the A-League yet, topping the table with ten points from their opening four games after a deserved 2-0 win over the Wellington Phoenix. The New Zealanders were thereby left languishing in the bottom three.

Vitezslav Lavicka made only one change to the side that had drawn with the Mariners, with Mark Bridge returning to the starting line-up in place of Steve Corica. Wellington fielded their reserve keeper Reece Crowther in place of Mark Paston, who was away on "paternity leave". The understudy was to have a busy evening.

Sydney had the better of a tight first half, dominating territorially and securing a number of half-chances. Alex Brosque just failed to shape himself for a shot when he was played in by Byun Sung-Hwan and John Aloisi on three minutes; two minutes later, Byun was involved again with a fine cross from the left, but Mark Bridge's angled header was held without too much difficulty by Crowther.

Crowther cut a less impressive figure on nine minutes, when he hesitated over a clearance and ended up having his upfield thump intercepted by the lively Bridge. The ball looped tantalisingly towards goal, but drifted just wide.

Sydney FC continued to throw bodies into attack, and Aloisi and Brosque both had half-chances towards the middle of the first period. Leo Bertos was switching wings for Wellington in a bid to create openings, but the Phoenix's static, passive midfield was not helping matters.

After another half-chance for Sydney, this time falling to Bridge, Terry McFlynn went off with a thigh injury, to be replaced by Brendan Gan. Wellington too made a change just before the break, with the out-of-sorts Diego making way for Vince Lia. In the meantime, Paul Ifill had failed to make the most of a giveaway in defence by Sydney's Shannon Cole, and Kofi Danning miscued a header from another good cross from Byun.

On 42 minutes came the best chance of the opening half: a corner from Karol Kisel was headed at goal by the substitute Gan, and Crowther did superbly to tip the ball over the bar. From the resulting corner, Sydney again went close, with only some desperate Wellington defending clearing the danger.

Bertos caught Shannon Cole napping at the beginning of the second period, latching on to Lia's innocuous cross from the right, but firing wide. Michael Ferrante, having a quiet game otherwise, tested Bolton with a stinging shot on 52 minutes, and the Sydney keeper only managed to push the ball behind for a corner at the second attempt.

From then on, Sydney controlled the game. A free kick from Kisel in a promising position sailed just over the bar on 57 minutes, and two minutes later Lavicka prepared for a final assault, bringing on Steve Corica for an unusually insipid Danning.

A fine Sydney move just after the hour reached Gan on the right, and the former Sutherland man sent a brisk cross-shot just wide of Crowther's far post. Brosque was the next Sydney player to fashion a chance, heading Mark Bridge's right-wing cross just over. Bertos was again the man to provide Wellington with a necessary spark a few minutes later, going on a mazy run down the left before cutting inside and forcing a save from Bolton with a right-footed shot.

The deadlock was broken on 77 minutes, as Sydney's persistent pressure finally bore fruit. Crowther did well to push a sharp right-footed shot from Bridge aside for a corner, which was swung in by Kisel: Wellington's marking was lax, and Brendan Gan crept into the six-yard area to nod the ball past Crowther.

Ricki Herbert introduced Daniel in place of the ineffectual Ferrante, but Sydney FC's second goal was the immediate sequel. A Wellington corner was robustly cleared by Stephan Keller, and Alex Brosque raced down the vacant left wing as a wave of Sydney players surged through the centre. The eventual cross reached John Aloisi, who planted his header deftly past Crowther for Sydney's second.

That was clearly that, although Ifill did manage a shot at goal as the minutes ticked away. Rather more worryingly for Lavicka, Aloisi limped off in the 87th minute, to be replaced by Matthew Jurman. But it could not spoil the party at the Sydney Football Stadium: Sydney FC are, for once, on top of the pile.

PERTH GLORY FC

SEASON 2009/10

Photo Courtesy Perth Glory FC

Back Row (L to R): Andy Todd, Scott Neville, Chris Coyne, Jamie Harnwell, Brent Griffiths, Wayne Srhoj, Branko Jelic
Middle Row (L to R): Frank Juric (Goalkeeping Coach), Andrija Jukic, Jimmy Downey, Anthony Skorich, Tando Velaphi, Aleks Vrteski, Eugene Dadi, Naum Sekulovski, Scott Bulloch, Ante Kovacevic (Team Manager)
Front Row: (L to R): Chris Hutchinson (Physiotherapist), Jamie Coyne, Adriano Pellegrino, Mile Sterjovski, Dave Mitchell (Head Coach), Jacob Burns, Howard Fondyke, Victor Sikora, Peter Cklamovski (Strength & Conditioning Coach)

NJFC	GCFC
1	0

MATCH DETAILS

Newcastle Jets 1
(Sean ROONEY 40')
Gold Coast United 0
Sunday, 30 August 2009
EnergyAustralia Stadium, Newcastle
Referee: Matthew Breeze
Crowd: 6,390

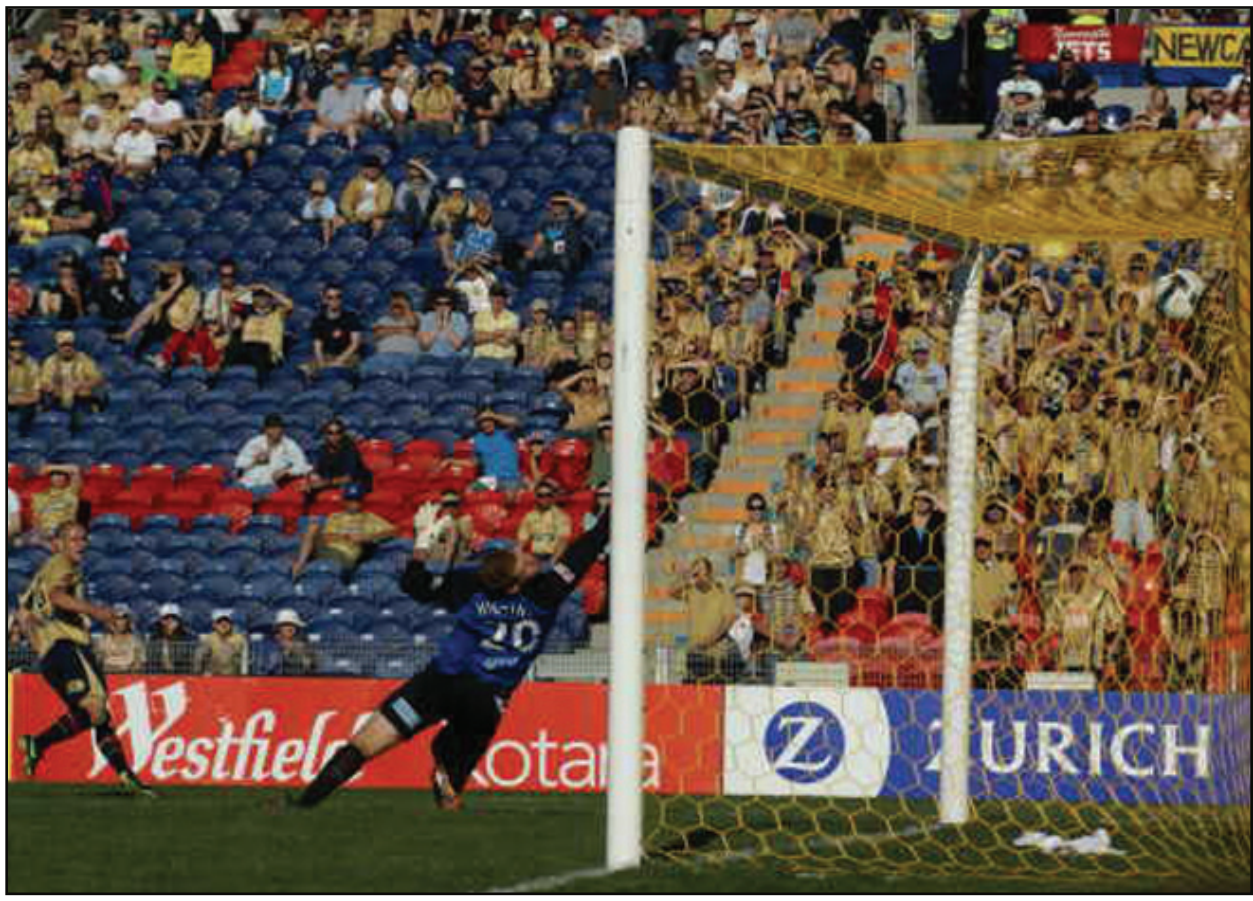
PLAYER RATINGS

NJFC

Ben Kennedy – Rarely called upon and was shaky when on the ball 5/10
Angelo Costanzo – Very solid game, cut out United's attack 7/10
Adam D'Apuzzo – Quiet game, did well however 6/10
Nikolai Topor-Stanley – Flat footed and was beaten easily 4/10
Ljubo Milicevic – Great game, was composed and created chances 8/10
Jason Naidovski – Only played end of game, never settled in 5/10
Jin Hyung-Song – Big game, was always looking threatening 8/10
Matt Thompson – Quiet game for the captain, needed to get more involved 6/10
Sasho Petrovski – Rarely called upon and should have scored 5/10
Tarek Elrich – Good attacking runs and was always involved
Shaun Ontong – Injured early on and was substituted, didn't settle 5/10
Sean Rooney – Great goal and solid game, probably should have had another couple 7/10
Fabio Vignarolli – Played one half but was in control when he was on the pitch 7/10
Kaz Patafta – Good game, crated many chances for himself 7/10

GCUFC

Scott Higgins – Made some great saves and was not at fault for the goal 7/10
Steve Pantilides – Decent game, struggled at times 5/10
Michael Thwaite – Struggled against Jets attack 5/10
Daniel Piorkowski – Solid game, let down by those around him 7/10
Zenon Caravella – The stand out for United, always looked threatening 7/10
Shane Smeltz – Was shut down whenever he touched the ball and created few chances 5/10
Jason Culina – Not his best game but was still dominating in midfield 7/10
Bas Van Der Brink – Slow game, never found his feet 6/10
Joel Porter – Didn't contribute much to the match 5/10
Tahj Minniecon – Played well but was always shut down quickly 6/10
Kristian Rees – Poor game and was exploited by Jets 4/10
Matt Osman – Didn't contribute heaps but rarely put a foot wrong 6/10
Adam Traore – Good game, but not utilized enough 6/10
Anderson – Offered something new when came on and looked threatening 7/10



Newcastle's Sean Rooney scores a scorcher and sends the previously undefeated Gold Coast United crashing to its first loss of the season. PHOTO BY DEAN GRANT

Classy Jets defeat high flyers

By Ben Slack

The Newcastle Jets have ended Gold Coast United's perfect start to the season after a classy 1 – 0 victory over the A-League newcomers.

The Jets had come into the game after a poor 2 – 0 away loss to Perth and they started the match with much more intensity then the week before. The Jets midfield were under strict order's to not allow Jason Culina any free time on the ball and Ljubo Milicevic, playing in his new role of central midfield, cut Culina out of the play well.

Gold Coast were showing signs of the football that had given them 9 points from the first 3 games but were lacking in the final third of the field with Topor-Stanley and Costanzo cutting out Gold Coast golden boy Shane Smeltz as he rarely got a glimpse of the ball.

The first chance of the game fell to Newcastle as Song flew past his man on the wing and delivered a perfect ball to Sasho Petrovski who should have scored but forced a great save from United goalkeeper Scott Higgins.

The breakthrough however came in the 40th minute after an attack by United broke down, Elrich put Song into space who carried the ball into the opposition half and then played in Sean Rooney out wide who then beat his defender and fired a well place shot into the back of the net.

After the break Fabio had been switched with Costanzo in an obvious attempt to protect their slender lead. The move worked well in Newcastle's favour with Kaz Patafta finding himself in lots of space down the wing and forcing Higgins into a couple of good saves. Rooney should have double the lead midway through the half after a long ball from the back troubled United defence, Rooney's header however lacked any power and Higgins was able to recover.

Gold Coast coach Miron Bleiberg then added Brazilians, Milson and Anderson to the attack hoping to salvage a point. The plan looked to be working with United finding much more space down the right side and Smeltz got his, and United's, only real chance of the game, firing a shot from a tight angle but just grazed the top of the crossbar. The Jets defence was playing very disciplined football at the back however and United struggled to make any more chances and resorted shooting from outside the box.

The Newcastle Jets were playing with confidence in the midfield as they returned to passing football opposed to the long ball's they had been playing for the last couple of weeks.

Gold Coast seemed however to be slow on the ball, with Culina and Caravella really the only ones who were offering any kind of threat to the Newcastle goal and their defence was looking shaky and should have been punished much more, however the Jets attacking front men were often off target.

In the end though the Sean Rooney goal was enough to see Gold Coast suffer their first defeat of the season and push the Jets into 3rd place.

PGFC	NJFC
1	0

MATCH DETAILS

Brisbane Roar 1
(Craig MOORE 11')
Central Coast Mariners 0
Saturday, 29 August 2009
Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
Referee: Ben Williams
Crowd: 6,433

PLAYER RATINGS

BRFC

1. Liam Reddy – 6 – Another solid performance
3. Luke DeVere – 6 – Ably supported Moore
4. Craig Moore – 7 – Was a rock at the back
9. Sergio van Dijk – 5 – Looked disinterested at times
10. Charlie Miller – 8 – An influential attacking display
12. Matt Mundy – 6 – Another sold game for Mundy
13. Henrique – 8 – Caused panic in the Mariners defence with some direct running
15. Matt McKay – 6 – Active in his time on the pitch
16. Bob Malcolm – 6 - Looking at home now in the side
18. Danny Tiatto – 6 - Yet another energetic display from the midfielder
24. Robbie Kruse – 7 – Full of running, an excellent outlet for the Roar attack

Subs
11. (82') Reinaldo – 5 – Looked rusty after his long layoff
6. (25') David Dodd – Did well replacing McKay
17. (74') Mitch Nichols – Worked hard in the late stages of the match

CCMFC

20. Danny Vukovic – 8 – Pulled off some quality saves in his 200th game
4. Pedj Bojic – 7 – Held the midfield together for his side
5. Brad Porter – 6 – Struggled in the first half
7. John Hutchison – 6 – A solid performance in the middle of the park
8. Dean Heffernan – 5 – Had difficulties containing Henrique
9. Nik Mrdja – 5 – Made little impact and was replaced early in the second half
14. Michael McGlinchey – 5 – Offered little going forward
16. Nigel Boogard – 6 - Made some crucial interventions
18. Alex Wilkinson – 6 – A serviceable performance in defence
19. Matt Simon – 6 – Looked dangerous but provided little end product
23. Adam Kwasnik – 6 – Got forward but seemed unable to cross the ball accurately

Subs
15. (79') Andrew Clarke – 5 – Made little impact on the outcome
21. (73') Ahmad Elrich – 6 - Caused some problems for Roar when he came on
22. (59') Nicky Travis – 7 – Sparked the Mariners into life

Adam Kwasnik (Mariners 23) takes on Danny Tiatto (Roar 18) and Luke Devere (Roar 3). PHOTO BY BRETT MCDONALD

Roar kick-starts campaign

By Jarrod Ellis

After a defeat and two frustrating draws to open the A-League season Brisbane recorded their first three-point return of the campaign with a 1-0 victory over Central Coast Mariners.

In a match watched by Brisbane coach Frank Farina from the stands, having been suspended from the bench as a result of his dismissal last Sunday, the Roar took a 10th-minute lead through the head of the captain Craig Moore.

The match also saw the return of Brisbane striker Reinaldo, who has missed almost a year with osteitis pubis, ankle and hamstring complaints.

The Brazilian's late substitute appearance brought rousing applause from the crowd of 6433, a figure that for the second week in a row was an all-time low for the Brisbane club. It had been expected though, with local grand finals scheduled for Saturday eating into the potential crowd.

Those who did turn up were treated to a rousing attacking performance from the home side as Roar teammates Henrique Silva and Charlie Miller turned it on in an electric first half before the Mariners surged forward to ensure a tense finish.

However it was Brisbane skipper and central defender Craig Moore who put the ball past Danny Vuckovic when he beat Pedj Bojic to Matt McKay's dangerous corner and powered the ball into the top corner to give the Roar an early lead.

Midway through the half Sergio van Dijk put Robbie Kruse through on goal with a great ball over the Mariners defence, but as the youngster waited for the ball to drop Nigel Boogaard scurried back in time to take the sting out of the shot.

The Mariners had to wait until the half-hour mark for their first real chance and almost made the most of it when Bojic's free kick had Liam Reddy scrambling to see the ball whiz past the post.

The home team should have doubled their advantage in the final minutes of the half with a series of gilt-edged chances that just wouldn't find their way into the net.

Henrique ran at the Mariners defence and squared to Kruse at the top of the six-yard box but Danny Vukovic spread himself well to keep the shot out. The ball rebounded to the Roar attacker, who this time teed up van Dijk but Bojic denied the Dutchman with a desperate lunge.

Brisbane immediately regained possession and Henrique once again tore down the right to put the ball across the face of goal for van Dijk, who slid in to meet the ball but couldn't get it on target under heavy pressure from Bradley Porter.

The chances dried up at the start of the second half but the Roar managed to again find their rhythm on the hour mark when Miller played a neat wall pass with van Dijk and tested Vukovic's reactions with a smart toe-poke at goal.

As the clock ticked down the visitors began to apply the pressure and gave the Roar a real scare in the 82nd minute when Bojic met a dangerous free kick from Nicky Travis with a header that deflected narrowly over the crossbar.

A 93rd minute corner caused chaos in the Brisbane penalty area and the ball fell to Ahmad Elrich at the top of the box but the Central Coast winger's shot was comfortably wide of the goal.

"That was extremely important for us," announced Craig Moore when asked of the significance of his team's first win of the season.

"Hopefully off the back of this win we can grow in confidence and look to get ourselves slowly up the table."

PGFC	MVFC
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Perth Glory 2
(Branko JELIC 4'/54')
Melbourne Victory 1
(Archie THOMPSON 9')
Friday, 28 August 2009
ME Bank Stadium, Perth
Referee: Chris Beath
Crowd: 8,057

PLAYER RATINGS

PGFC
Velaphi: 8 – Accurately labeled as "outstanding" by Mitchell
Neville: 4 – Looked out of his depth and unable to cope with Melbourne's onslaught
Todd: 7 – Very strong in central defence
Coyne: 6 – Another solid performance
Sekulovski: 6 – Lively going forward but occasionally unsure defensively
Pellegrino: 7 – A solid effort from the winger
Burns: 6 – Not his best effort, but a respectable performance nontheless
Shroj: 5 – Didn't do enough to prevent Victory's attacking push
Sikora: 8 – One of the Dutch winger's best games for the club
Sterjovski: 7 – Did well before being taken off late as a precaution due to a hamstring injury
Jelic: 8 – Looked much more comfortable in the system, scoring two goals
Howarth: 7 – Another impressive performance as a substitute
Amaral: 5 – Gave the ball away far too many times late in the game after coming on as a substitute
Mayora: 5 – Another disappointing performance off the bench.

MVFC
Moss: 6 – Solid without being outstanding
Sukha: 5 – May be one of the "certain defensive players" Merrick singled out after the match as a poor performer
Leijer: 6 – Below his best
Vargas: 6 – Respectable in central defence but looked weak at times
Broxham: 6 – Not his best effort, but still decent
Celeski: 8 – Described as "outstanding" by Merrick after the match
Hernandez: 8 – Very lively going forward, especially in the first half
Pondeljak: 6 – Didn't have the same impact as his attacking colleagues
Allsop: 7 – A good effort from the striker, but he did waste some good chances
Fabiano: 7 – Involved in many of the chances Melbourne created
Thompson: 7 – Wasted some chances, but scored a goal and was lively
Ward: 6 – Struggled to make an impact after coming on with 30 minutes remaining
Foschini: 6 – Better than Sukha had been in the same position earlier
Brebner: 5 – Had little involvement after coming on as a substitute

Glory striker Branko Jelic delivers the goods with a brace, meaning Victory's poor record in the West continues for at least another season. PHOTO BY JAMES TRIAY

Glory's victory thanks to Jelic

By Jacob Kagi

Melbourne Victory coach Ernie Merrick blamed his side's inability to take advantage of its many chances in its 1-2 loss to Perth Glory at ME Bank Stadium.

Two goals from Perth's Serbian striker Branko Jelic made Victory regret its inability to convert its control of much of the match and several opportunities into a better result.

"It was a good game of football but we should have got more out of that, at least a draw," said Merrick.

It was his decision to use an incredibly attacking line-up, with a front three and two attacking midfielders that caused Glory problems and allowed Victory to dominate, particularly in the first half.

Merrick made just one change to his side, with Ney Fabiano replacing Evan Berger, while Glory coach Dave Mitchell once again retained the same starting line-up.

Melbourne made a lively start, but it was Perth who scored the opening goal in the fourth minute. Naum Sekulovski's free kick was headed back across the goal by Chris Coyne to Mile Sterjovski, who had his shot deflected, only for it to fall into the path of Jelic for him to tap in, scoring his first goal for the club.

The visitors almost got the goal back only two minutes later when poor defending from Scott Neville nearly allowed Daniel Allsopp to score from 12 yards.

However, Victory took advantage of more poor marking in the eighth minute when Carlos Hernandez beautifully played through Allsopp. His pass across to Archie Thompson allowed him to tap in to level the match.

The goal led Victory to lift its game even further, playing at a tremendous pace. Its best chance came in the 31st minute, when Fabiano's header played through Hernandez, but Glory goalkeeper Tando Velaphi did brilliantly to save his shot from close range.

Glory regrouped after the interval and its improved play allowed it to take the lead in the 54th minute through Jelic. Glen Moss could not control Sterjovkski's header, parrying it straight into the path of the former Bundesliga striker, who tapped in.

Victory continued to look dangerous for the rest of the match, but were unable to create many clear chances. The closest they came was in stoppage time, where Billy Celeski's fierce shot was deflected and fell to Velaphi.

After the match, Merrick awarded some credit to his side but was frustrated with it and referee Chris Beath.

"I'm not going to go away too disappointed but we need to start getting points on the board and to win games," he said.

"They got a cheap goal from a free kick. No one can understand why it was given."

Meanwhile, Mitchell was delighted with the way Glory held on despite the pressure put on by Melbourne.

"Melbourne came with the attitude that they were going to dominate the game from the start. It was certainly a game of two halves. They were causing us all sort of problems and our boys were getting run around," said Mitchell.

"In previous years we would have conceded one or two more goals in the first half when we were getting well beaten and it is a credit to the boys who showed great effort and desire."

UNITED SILENCE DOUBTERS

Goal! Weekly checks out the action across Europe.

Wayne Rooney celebrates with Man U fans at Old Trafford after coming from behind to defeat Arsenal 2-1.

ENGLAND

The Premier League season is shaping up to be a cracker after Manchester United came from behind to stutter Arsenal's high-flying season start.

Russian starlet Andrei Arshavin gave Arsenal the lead with a wonder strike but United clawed their way back into the clash at Old Trafford courtesy of a penalty and an own-goal.

Wayne Rooney converted a spot-kick as they battled back to 1-1, then a moment of misfortune, or rather madness, from Abou Diaby gifted United all three points as he headed a free kick mysteriously into his own net.

Robin van Persie thought he had secured a point late on when he put the ball in United's net, but Frenchman William Gallas was ruled offside in the build-up.

Furious Frenchman Arsene Wenger let his emotions get the better of him as he was sent to the stands for protesting vehemently from the sidelines.

Arsenal's London rivals Chelsea maintained their 100 per cent record from their first four games and have top spot to show for their impressive early-season form.

The Blues crushed Burnley 3-0; a decent reality check for the Clarets who had previously claimed the scalps of Manchester United and Everton.

Nicolas Anelka continued his scoring record with a first-half strike, while Michael Ballack and Ashley Cole knocked in a quick-fire second-half brace to send Carlo Ancelloti's men top.

Tottenham joined Chelsea as the only other team to have perfect start to the campaign as they secured a last-minute win against Birmingham City at White Hart Lane.

Peter Crouch gave Harry Redknapp's side the lead, but veteran midfielder Lee Bowyer drew a goal back as City battled for their fifth point of the season.

But it wasn't to be for Alex McLeish's men as Aaron Lennon struck at the death to break Birmingham hearts.

Steven Gerrard played his typical heroic role to rescue Liverpool's stammering start to the League campaign against Bolton.

The Trotters had failed to score previous to the clash against the Reds, but exposed Liverpool's fragile backline in the 33rd minute when Kevin Davies opened his side's account.

Glen Johnson brought Rafa Benitez's side back into contention with his second Liverpool goal, but Bolton again took the lead through Tamir Cohen.

Sean Davis was dismissed shortly after and Liverpool made the most of the extra man with Fernando Torres netting another equaliser, and then Gerrard left it late to put 'Pool's title tilt back on track – although they already trail trendsetters Chelsea by six points.

Hull and Wolves shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw at Molineux, as Geovanni and Richard Stearman scored for their respective sides either side of the half-time break, leaving the sides with four points each from four games.

Dave Kitson's first Premier League goal for Stoke City was enough to see the Potters overcome Sunderland at home, while Blackburn and West Ham played out a goalless draw in a game that lacked attacking action.

LIGUE 1

Olympique Lyon top the French Ligue 1 table after they picked up their 10th point of the season after a commanding 3-1 victory over Nancy.

Lyon head reigning champs Bordeaux, who played on Sunday night, by one point, after Bafetimbi Gomis, Lisandro Lopez and a 25-metre half-volley from new Brazilian striker Miohel Bastos gave them maximum points.

Nancy, who had scored seven goals in their opening two games, had replied through Youssouf Hadji, but couldn't replicate their scoring form from their previous games to conjure a comeback.

Montpellier's 3-0 victory over Nice sent them third, but the match was tainted after fans threw fireworks onto the pitch, resulting in a 20-minute stoppage.

The match was restarted only after the offending fans were ejected from the stadium.

Promoted club Racing Lens are on seven points from three games after a 2-2 draw with Stade Rennes – a promising start for a new comer to the top flight.

SPAIN

90 million Euro-man Cristiano Ronaldo made a dream debut in the La Liga for club Real Madrid after scoring for his new big-spending Spanish side.

Ronaldo's two goals helped Madrid, who spent 250 million Euros in the off-season on new talent, to a narrow 3-2 victory over Deportivo la Coruna on the opening day of the Spanish season.

Veteran striker Raul, who has still retained his spot despite the influx of new signings, opened the scoring after clever play from Kaka – another product of Real's shopping spree – led to the opener.

World Player of the Year Ronaldo then grabbed a second from the penalty spot, and Lassana Diarra fired in a long-range winner, after Coruna had twice equalised.

Real's new revolution looked particularly sharp, with Kaka dangerous in Madrid colours.

GERMANY

A Dutch-double from newly signed Arjen Robben helped Bayern Munich recover from their early-season woes by thumping reigning Bundesliga champions Wolfsburg 3-0.

It was Bayern's first win of the league season – their worst start to a campaign in 43 years – and the German club will be thankful for signing Robben from Real Madrid just one day prior to their clash with Wolfsburg.

Robben game off the subs bench at half-time with Bayern leading 1-0, and the 25-year-old put the result to bed with two strikes, both set up by Franck Ribery's build-up play.

Schalke 04 is also suffering from early season struggles as they suffered a 1-0 home defeat to bottom of the table Freiburg.

Bayer Leverkusen kept their grasp on top spot after coming from a goal down against Bochum to secure a 2-1 win.

Hoffenheim beat Hanover 96 courtesy of Brazilian Carlos Eduardo's strike, while Eintracht Frankfurt and Borussia Dortmund held each other to a 1-1 draw.

ITALY

Serie A champions Inter Milan handed out a derby destruction of cross-town rivals AC Milan, thumping the Rossoneri 4-0 in an eventful Milan derby.

Gennaro Gattuso was given his marching orders after picking up two cautions for conceding a penalty and hacking down Wesly Sneijder, and Inter made the Milan pay for the Italian Bulldog's misconduct.

Thiago Motta curled in the opener on 29 minutes after great build up from new-signing Deigo Milito, who later doubled the lead from the penalty that Gattuso conceded.

Right-back Maicon then made it three after Argentine Milito was again involved in slick build-up play, and Dejan Stankovic rubbed salt into sore wounds with a blistering 25-metre strike to utterly humiliate Milan.

In Saturday's other game, Bari and Bologna drew 0-0.

EPL

	Home						Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Chelsea	4	2	0	0	5	1	2	0	0	5	1	8	12
2 Tottenham	4	2	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	7	2	7	12
3 Man Utd	4	2	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	5	1	6	9
4 Stoke	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	4	-1	7
5 Arsenal	3	1	0	0	4	1	1	0	1	7	3	7	6
6 Man City	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	6
7 Liverpool	4	1	0	1	5	3	1	0	1	4	4	2	6
8 Sunderland	4	1	0	1	3	4	1	0	1	1	1	-1	6
9 Burnley	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	5	-3	6
10 West Ham	3	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	4
11Birmingham	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	3	-1	4
12 Wolves	4	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	1	1	1	-2	4
13 Hull	4	1	0	1	2	5	0	1	1	2	3	-4	4
14 Aston Villa	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	3
15 Fulham	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	-1	3
16 Wigan	3	0	0	2	0	6	1	0	0	2	0	-4	3
17 Blackburn	3	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	-3	1
18 Bolton	3	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	1	-3	0
19 Portsmouth	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	5	-5	0
20 Everton	2	0	0	1	1	6	0	0	1	0	1	-6	0

Blackburn 0-0 West Ham
Bolton 2-3 Liverpool
Chelsea 3-0 Burnley
Man Utd 2-1 Arsenal
Stoke 1-0 Sunderland
Tottenham 2-1 Birmingham
Wolves 1-1 Hull

THE CHAMPIONSHIP

	Home						Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 West Brom	5	1	1	0	3	1	2	1	0	6	4	4	11
2 Cardiff	5	2	0	0	7	0	1	1	1	4	4	7	10
3 M'brough	5	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	6	2	6	10
4 Newcastle	4	2	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	3	1	6	10
5 Bristol City	5	3	0	0	4	1	0	1	1	2	5	0	10
6 Preston	5	1	1	0	4	2	1	2	0	5	2	5	9
7 Sheff Utd	5	1	2	0	5	3	1	1	0	3	1	4	9
8 Sheff Wed	5	1	1	0	6	2	1	1	1	4	3	5	8
9 Leicester	4	2	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	1	1	2	8
10 Blackpool	5	1	2	0	4	1	0	2	0	3	3	3	7
11 Derby	5	2	0	0	4	2	0	1	2	4	6	0	7
12 Coventry	5	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	-1	7
13 Watford	5	0	2	0	3	3	1	1	1	5	5	0	6
14 Doncaster	5	1	2	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	3	0	6
15 QPR	5	0	2	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	6
16 Nottm Forest	5	1	0	2	5	7	0	2	0	1	1	-2	5
17 Reading	5	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	4	-3	5
18 Swansea	5	0	2	1	1	4	1	0	1	2	2	-3	5
19 Crys Palace	4	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	1	3	2	-1	4
20 Scunthorpe	5	1	0	2	3	5	0	0	2	0	8	-10	3
21 Plymouth	5	0	1	2	3	7	0	1	1	2	3	-5	2
22 Ipswich	5	0	2	1	2	4	0	0	2	1	4	-5	2
23 P'borough	4	0	1	1	3	4	0	0	2	1	4	-4	1
24 Barnsley	5	0	0	3	1	8	0	1	1	2	3	-8	1

Barnsley 1-3 Reading
Blackpool 3-0 Coventry
Bristol City 2-1 Middlesbrough
Doncaster 2-0 Cardiff
Ipswich 1-1 Preston
Nottm Forest 3-2 Derby
Plymouth 1-3 Sheff Wed
Scunthorpe 0-1 QPR
Sheff Utd 2-2 West Brom
Swansea 1-1 Watford

SPL

	Home						Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Rangers	3	2	0	0	8	2	1	0	0	2	1	7	9
2 Dundee Utd	3	2	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	7
3 Celtic	2	1	0	0	5	2	1	0	0	3	1	5	6
4 Hibernian	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	6
5 Motherwell	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	2	2	2	5
6 Aberdeen	3	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	3	0	1	4
7 St Mirren	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	3	0	4
8 Kilmarnock	3	1	0	1	4	2	0	0	1	1	3	0	3
9 St Johnstone	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	5	-3	1
10 Hearts	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	-3	0
11 Falkirk	3	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	2	2	6	-6	0

Aberdeen 0-0 Motherwell
Dundee Utd 2-1 Falkirk
Kilmarnock 1-2 St Mirren
Rangers 4-1 Hamilton

BUNDESLIGA

	Home						Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Bayer Leverkusen	4	2	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	7	2	7	10
2 Hamburg	3	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	5	3	5	7
3 Schalke 04	4	1	0	1	3	1	1	1	0	2	1	3	7
4 Borussia M'gladbach	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	1	1	3	6	0	7
5 Eintracht Frankfurt	4	0	2	0	2	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	6
6 Wolfsburg	4	1	0	1	4	4	1	0	1	3	4	-1	6
7 Bayern Munich	4	1	1	0	4	1	0	1	1	2	3	2	5
8 VfB Stuttgart	4	1	1	0	4	2	0	1	1	1	3	0	5
9 TSG Hoffenheim	4	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	5
10 Mainz	4	1	1	0	4	3	0	1	1	1	3	-1	5
11 Borussia Dortmund	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	2	5	-2	5
12 Werder Bremen	3	1	0	1	5	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	4
13 Hannover 96	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	4
14 VfL Bochum	4	1	1	0	4	3	0	0	2	1	5	-3	4
15 SC Freiburg	4	0	1	1	1	6	1	0	1	3	4	-6	4
16 Hertha Berlin	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	3	-1	3
17 Nurnberg	4	0	0	2	1	4	0	2	0	1	1	-3	2
18 Cologne	3	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	-3	1

Bayer Leverkusen 2-1 VfL Bochum
Bayern Munich 3-0 Wolfsburg
Eintracht Frankfurt 1-1 B Dortmund
Hannover 96 0-1 TSG Hoffenheim
Schalke 04 0-1 SC Freiburg
VfB Stuttgart 0-0 Nurnberg

LIGUE 1

	Home						Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Lyon	4	2	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	5	2	6	10
2 Bordeaux	3	2	0	0	8	1	1	0	0	3	2	8	9
3 Montpellier	4	1	1	0	3	1	1	1	0	5	2	5	8
4 PSG	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	4	3	3	7
5 Marseille	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	3	7
6 Lens	4	1	1	0	4	2	1	0	1	3	5	0	7
7 Lorient	4	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	1	2	3	0	7
8 Boulogne	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	3	-1	7
9 Nancy	4	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	2	5	6	3	6
10 Rennes	4	1	1	0	4	1	0	2	0	3	3	3	6
11 Sochaux	4	1	0	1	3	3	1	0	1	1	2	-1	6
12 Monaco	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	5	-2	6
13 Toulouse	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	4
14 Le Mans	4	1	1	0	4	3	0	0	2	1	4	-2	4
15 Nice	4	0	1	1	1	4	1	0	1	2	4	-5	4
16 St Etienne	4	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	1	1	3	-4	3
17 Lille	3	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	1	-2	1
18 Auxerre	4	0	0	2	0	4	0	1	1	0	2	-6	1
19 Valencienne	3	0	0	2	3	6	0	0	1	0	1	-4	0
20 Grenoble	4	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	2	1	3	-5	0

Boulogne 0-0 Auxerre
Lens 2-2 Rennes
Lorient 1-0 Le Mans
Lyon 3-1 Nancy
Nice 0-3 Montpellier
Sochaux 1-0 Monaco
St Etienne 1-0 Grenoble

MORE RESULTS...

GREECE
Iraklis 2-2 Aris Salonika
Kavala 0-1 Asteras Tripoli
Panionios 1-1 Ergotelis

HOLLAND
AZ 2-1 Willem II
FC Utrecht 2-0 Sparta
NEC 1-1 VVV Venlo

ITALY
AC Milan 0-4 Inter Milan
Bari 0-0 Bologna

SPAIN
Real Madrid 3-2 Deportivo
Real Zaragoza 1-0 Tenerife

HARRY POTTER WORKS HIS MAGIC AT SPURS

About a year ago Spurs were bottom of the EPL with 2 points from their first 8 games. Relegation was looking certain and the in joke was that a triangle had more points than Tottenham Hotspur. After a year in the job Spanish coach Juande Ramos hadn't even bothered to speak any English so he had to utter the usual post-match excuses for defeat in Spanish.

Fast forward nearly 12 months and Spurs are still in the EPL. Under Harry 'Houdini/Potter' Redknapp they have started the season with a maximum of 12 points from 4 games, with more or less the same players. Saturday's last-second 2-1 win at home to Birmingham was just the type of game Spurs usually throw away. Even Harry Redknapp couldn't contain his delight with the win.

Although he always looks like his dog just died, Redknapp has to be well satisfied with the job he has done at Tottenham thus far.

Harry Redknapp makes fan favourite, Roy Keane, reappear at White Hart Lane.

So what has inspired this turnaround?

When Redknapp arrived he brought his assistant Joe Jordan from Portsmouth. When Juande Ramos arrived ex-Spurs legend Chris Hughton was his number two. This may not have had a negative effect but there's no doubt a coach wants to work with people he is familiar with and Spurs chairman Daniel Levy was right to let Harry bring his number two.

In order to delve deeper into the reasons for the turnaround one must first look at what led up to Spurs' sacking of Ramos. Ramos was famed at Sevilla for playing attractive passing football, a 4-4-2 with attacking fullbacks like Daniel Alves. To be fair to Ramos it was always going to be hard to instil the same philosophies at Spurs when 1) He couldn't speak the language and 2) Spurs had Paul Staltieri as a right back.

He changed personnel and signed players like David Bentley, Giovani Dos Santos and Pascal Chimbonda whilst selling fan favourites Jermain Defoe, Dimitar Berbatov and Robbie Keane. Under Ramos last season Spurs leaked goals and had trouble finding the net. The problem Ramos had, as opposed to a mainly counter-attacking coach like Rafa Benitez, is that it is much harder to blaze into a league playing attacking football. It takes time to get the right blend of players and in effect Ramos was guilty of not playing to the strengths of his players as well as signing mediocre ones.

Coming back to the language it cannot be underestimated how important communication is to modern day players, especially in this day and age when it is far easier to get rid of the manager than get rid of unhappy players. This, coupled with the dire performances and results at Spurs at the start of last season, led to Ramos' inevitable demise.

So in came Harry and right away results changed for the better. Harry has a reputation for keeping smaller clubs like Pompey and West Ham out of trouble. He kept them competitive in the EPL by signing bargain foreign players and loan signings. His reasoning for joining Spurs (and it has to be said abandoning a sinking Pompey ship) was that he wanted to have a crack at one last big job before he retired. One can't really begrudge him the chance to prove himself and, outside Arsenal, Chelsea, Man Utd and Liverpool, Spurs is the best job he was going to get.

The advantage he had when he first arrived at Spurs was that he would have known most of the players and he would have better players to work with than his previous job.

This had its fair share of teething problems though. Spurs star player is Luka Modric, who is really an attacking midfielder who thrives best in a five man midfield, allowing him to maraud forward without defensive responsibility. Harry is known for playing 4-4-2 and at first he played 4-5-1 sometimes with Darren Bent upfront and sometimes with Roman Pavylchenko.

It didn't work, The turning point came against Liverpool last season when both Bent and Pavylchenko played and Spurs won 2-1 to inflict Liverpool's first defeat of the season.

From then on it was obvious Harry had to stick with his principles. That left Modric with no option but to play in a midfield four. Class player that he is he adapted to the role. It helped that Redknapp signed Honduran international Wilson Palacios from Wigan, a very hard-working player to make up for Modric's lack of bite. Though not as influential this season Modric has, along with the re-signed striker Jermain Defoe, been Spur's best player.

Of course if it was as easy for Harry as sticking to your principles, every manager would be successful. Harry has superb man-management skills and is the type of person who is honest with his players about their role and where they stand. This can be to the detriment of the club, as in the Darren Bent case (where it was obvious Redknapp had a complete dislike for Darren's type of player). So as long as a player is happy knowing their role and position in the packing order they'll be happy with Harry.

The bottom line is Harry's way works for him and until Spurs implode he will keep feeling the adulation of the fans.

The talk this week has been of Spurs mounting a title challenge. Do me a favour! Its true that under Harry Spurs have lost just once at home and have showed EPL title-wining form but it just shows the media's propensity to get carried away (and their wish for a new title challenger) that they are so quick to anoint Spurs as such. Whilst there is no doubt in my mind Spurs will finish in the European positions next year fans should not be upset with Europa League football next season instead of UCL footy.

This will provide Spurs with a foundation to work with next season and perhaps push on for a top four place, something they have been banging on about for years. However, this season isn't out of the way and before I get ahead of myself there are things Spurs must do to have a successful season.

DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE

They need to stop reading the papers and take each game as it comes. Believing the hype is a sure fire way to be knocked back down to earth.

BE CONSISTENT WITH TEAM AND FORMATION

Last season showed the value of sticking to a formation and personnel that suit that system. If it means better players being on the bench that's fine. One thing he mustn't do is chop and change after a defeat or when Spurs play the bigger teams. Have faith in the formation and the players that got you the good start unless you find better players to fit the system.

DON'T PANIC WHEN POOR FORM ARRIVES

Every team goes through a bad patch. When the poor form arrives the papers and fans will clamour for changes. Changes will sometimes be needed but panic measures are not. Harry isn't afraid to drop non-performing players but in general he'll stick with his best team.

WIN WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO

The key to success is consistency against the lesser teams. All signs are good with ins at West Ham and Hull but Spurs need to maintain focus and beat the teams they should beat and the league table will take care of itself. Whilst I do not expect many points from the bigger teams if they beat the Blackburn's and Bolton's away from home they will be fine and wont need any magical escapes to get into Europe next year.

HARRY'S REPORT CARD

Bournemouth Oct 1983-June 1992					
G457	W180	D107	L170	39.39%	
West Ham United Aug 1994-May2001					
G327	W121	D85	L121	37.00%	
Portsmouth March 2002 - Nov2004					
G116	W54	D26	L36	46.55%	
Southampton Dec 2004 2 Dec 2005					
G49	W13	D21	L15	26.53%	
Portsmouth Dec 2005 - Oct2008					
G128	W54	D29	L45	42.19%	
Tottenham Oct 2008 - Present					
G47	W25	D10	L12	53.19%	

	G	W	D	L	Win %
Total	1124	447	278	399	39.77

HULL'S NEW HOPE

Tigers Aim To Claw Their Way Back

After weeks of little to no activity in the transfer market, Phil Brown finally persuaded two relatively small name men to join the Hull City fight against relegation.

Despite their tiny reputation, the new Hull strikeforce of Jozy Altidore and Kamel Ghilas helped Hull to only their second win in 2009, against Bolton last weekend. And after such a major impact, Hull fans are wondering whether their new strike duo will be good enough to keep them in the division.

If you happen to be a regular reader of this column then you will probably guess that I'm not a massive fan of Hull City; I feel that last season they were, apart from their okay start, a very poor side, as their lack of form in the whole of 2009 indicated. They may have won against teams such as Arsenal and Tottenham, but the wins were lucky, and when their luck run out they only clung on to a Premier League berth for this season on the basis that the three teams that did go down couldn't win a game between them even if you'd given any of them a five goal start.

However, despite my view on Hull's campaign last season, I bear no qualms about them remaining in the Premier League of they are good enough. Until last weekends game against Bolton, I had my doubts as to whether they could stay up, but two men that played in the win over Bolton have certainly made me rethink Hull's chances this season.

The two players in question are the American, Jozy Altidore, and the Algerian, Kamel Ghilas. Altidore made a name for himself this summer, as he was one of the stars of the Confederations Cup tournament held in South Africa. In many ways he reminds me of the player type that is known as the 'English Centre-Forward'. He is big and string, bullish yet relatively quick. At the Confederations he posed a real threat to every defence he faced simply due to his natural ability and enthusiasm. And the massive advantage that he brings to any club he plays for is that he is still very young, with many years to improve. A big centre forward is much akin to a goalkeeper in that it takes a while for the player to be mature and experienced in the role, and the best years for both goalkeepers and big forwards is older than that of wingers or full back. Altidore has already displayed a potential to improve and become a very good player.

Josmer Volmy Altidore	Kamel Fathi Ghilas
Date of birth: Nov 6, 1989 (age 19)	Date of birth:March 9, 1984 (age 25)
Place of birth: New Jersey, USA	Place of birth: Marseille, France
Height 6 ft 1 in (1.85 m)	Height 1.77 m (5 ft 9+1⁄2 in)
Youth career	Youth career
IMG Soccer Academy	2001–2003 FC Martigues
Senior career	Senior career
Years Club Apps (Gls)	Years Club App (Gls)
2006–2008 NY Red Bulls 37 (15)	2003–2006 AS Cannes 85 (22)
2008– Villarreal 6 (1)	2006–2008 Vitória Guimarães59 (18)
2009 → Xerez (loan) 0 (0)	2008–2009 Celta Vigo 33 (13)
2009– → Hull City (loan) 1 (0)	2009– Hull City 3 (1)
National team	National team
2007– United States 17 (7)	2007– Algeria 13 (3)

For months after the Confederations Cup tournament it was rumoured that he would be making his way to the Premier League, and it's certainly a move that I expected to happen at some point. Although only a loan signing right now, his parent club still being Villarreal in Spain, Hull have the option to buy the American, and if his current form continue I can't see why they won't purchase the big nineteen year old.

Ghilas is the lesser known of the two, but that doesn't mean he'll be any less important to Hull City. In fact it was a goal from this man that helped his new club to their first win of the season, and only their second win all year. Ghilas proved that he was somewhat of a goalscorer whilst he played in Spain for Celta Vigo. Only he only scored thirteen goals in thirty three appearances, he did finish the season as the clubs top scorer, meaning he can be considered a viable goal threat.

Ghilas poses a much different threat to Altidore in that he is smaller and quicker. In many ways this partnership is the typical 'Big Man Little Man' partnership that has existed throughout football for many years, especially at English clubs and at the national level. And it was the interplay between these two which resulted in Hull City scoring against Bolton, as Altidore headed the ball on to Ghilas who proceeded to neatly finish, scoring his first goal for the club.

And it's not just this on instance that should be getting Hull fans excited about the pairing, as the two men both should have scored at least one more goal between them, and they ran the Bolton back line completely ragged at times with their movement, pace and power. Hull have since followed up the result against Bolton with a win over Southend United in the Carling Cup, a game in which Altidore scored his first goal for his new team. And what a good goal it was by the way, a thirty yard effort to put Hull two nil up. Not bad for your first goal in English football.

Of course, we all can't get too far ahead of ourselves. Despite all the promise that the duo have already showed, they have still only played a couple of times for Hull, and as the saying goes, one swallow doesn't make a summer. In this case, one goal doesn't make a Premiership quality strikeforce. And any ideas Hull City fans might have of attaining anything better than simply survival this season are almost certainly way off the mark, as Hull will have done well to simply stay in this division. And I do not think that either Ghilas or Altidore will be amazingly prolific in front of goal.

Yet, as I have suggested, all things so far are pointing towards a nice partnership up front for Hull, which certainly could keep them up. And it only takes a few goals in important games to make the difference either way. Add to their new strike duo the quality that Geovanni showed last season, at least for some of the season, as well as some solid if unspectacular support cast members, then Hull could fire their way to another season in the top flight. And if they do survive, I very much suspect that they'll owe it all to their new American-Algerian strikeforce.

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Metro Soar over Blue Eagles

Metro Stars booked a place in the 2009 Divine Homes Super League Grand Final after edging out Adelaide Blue Eagles in a penalty shoot-out. The match ended 2-2 after 120 minutes and was decided via the penalty spot where Metro claimed victory 4-1.

In a physical encounter which also saw both teams reduced to 10 men, Metro progressed after some shoot out heroics from keeper Nathan Wildy. The keeper came into the side in the absence of regular custodian Daniel Godly and proved his worth saving two spot kicks to take his side into the grand final.

Metro jumped out of the gates and put ABE on the back foot. With the aid of a strong breeze Metro attacked in numbers.

In the 18th minute a long ball forward from defence caught ABE keeper Gino DeLucia on the edge of the 18yrd box. The keeper caught the ball on his chest as the Metro players claimed he was out of the area. Referee David Alberton called a free kick and booked DeLucia judging the keeper to have used his hands illegally.

From the resultant free kick David Menechella struck sweetly over the wall to give Metro the lead. His curling free kick sneaking in off the post.

After going behind, ABE began to play better and more attractive football. As half time drew closer, Blue Eagles created more chances and Argentine import Maxi Dominguez went close to drawing the sides level. A Steven Kidd free kick was not dealt with convincingly by Metro and Dominguez blasted from close range. A fantastic save by Wildy kept the score at 1-0, but only for a short while.

On the stroke of half time, the ever dangerous Saranti Parissos was brought down 20 yrds from goal and stepped up to take his own free kick. Not to be outdone, his free kick curled over the wall and had Metro keeper Wildy rooted to the spot.

The rain and wind set in for the second half and ensured a scrappy affair.

ABE made two changes at half time with Marcelo Arias coming on as a substitute. The Argentine settled the midfield, holding the ball in the centre of the field and showed some quality distribution.

Blue Eagles continued their dominance from the latter stages of the first half with Fortunato Filletti and Damian Dimella owning the right side of the park. Filletti caused all sorts of problems for Adam Van Dommelle.

Parissos almost gave ABE the lead half way through with a one on one that was well saved by Wildy.

Then it was Metro's turn to go close with Michael Matricciani header just missing the post with five minutes remaining. Jim Stavrides providing a quality cross.

In the dying stages of the second half the game was turned on its head when ABE's Maxi Dominguez was brought down in the penalty area. Dominguez received the ball from Filletti and took it to the by line and as he shaped to cut the ball back was taken down. Amongst the commotion and ensuing contention, Daniel Menechella was sent from the field and Metro Stars were reduced to 10 men. Menechella will now miss the grand final.

Adam Van Dommelle was busy for Metro as they defeat ABE on penalties

Saranti Parissos stepped up to take the spot kick and almost certainly give ABE the win right at the death. Parissos sent Wildy the wrong way but blasted his shot over the bar and the match went into extra time.

As the rain continued to pour, ABE asserted their authority forcing Metro to play long and hopeful balls. Louis Brain and Matricciani were visibly frustrated as Blue Eagles thwarted every attack.

Midway through the first period of extra time, ABE were awarded another penalty when Argentine Arias was brought down in the area. He'd managed to squeeze his way past two defenders before being stopped in his tracks and pulled down.

This time fellow Argentine Maxi Dominguez coolly slotted home the spot kick sending the ball into the top corner.

With the match seemingly in favour of ABE, more drama and controversy arrived. On the stroke of half time in extra time, Tim Sarris was expelled for an off the ball incident and ABE were also down to 10 men. Sarris was shown a second yellow card and was given his marching orders. Sarris will now miss the Preliminary Final against the winner of the Campbelltown Adelaide City fixture. (to be played Monday night.)

Moments later Matricciani got the equaliser for Metro rising to head home a Steven Grelli cross. Grelli collected the ball wide on the right and his pin point cross found Matricciani unmarked on the back post. Only seconds earlier Gino DeLucia was asking his defenders for tighter marking.

Metro dominated the second period of extra time and wasted a fistful of opportunities. Michael Pirone twice forced DeLucia to save. Pirone whipped in a free kick to the near post almost catching out the ABE keeper.

Not long after, the former Blue Eagles player was put through on goal and his shot sent DeLucia scrambling to save. Corey Artone also had a good chance but was denied again by the ABE captain.

Louis Brain perhaps had the best chance when he dazzled four ABE defenders before firing a weak shot that was also saved.

The match ended 2-2 and was played in good spirits despite producing two red cards. It was a heated clash with conditions not helping timely tackles. The pitch was also substandard forcing players to take more care with distribution and notably affecting ball control.

Michael Matricciani was the first to take a penalty and made no mistake from the spot for Metro Stars. Parissos made amends for his earlier missed penalty when he converted his kick from 12yrds.

David Termiello was lucky to see his penalty go in after DeLucia got a hand to it, while Pirone also beat the ABE keeper from the spot.

The two Argentinians, Dominguez and Arias both had their penalties saved by Wildy and it was then up to former ABE star Corey Artone to win the game for Metro Stars. Artone coolly slotted home the winner and sent Metro into the 2009 grand final.

Campbelltown and Adelaide City's semi final was postponed due to poor pitch conditions. After consistent rain during the last week, the ground was deemed unfit for play.

The match will be played Monday night to decide who will meet Blue Eagles in the Preliminary Final. The winner will face Metro Stars in the grand final played on September 13th at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Campbelltown went down to Adelaide City 2-1 in round two of the home and away season but reversed the result in the return fixture 1-0 in round 11.

Campbelltown went down 2-1 to the Blue Eagles in the Qualifying Final last week while Adelaide City ended Raiders season in the Elimination Final when it finished 1-0.

The Black and White are gunning for a record fifth straight championship and if successful, will have done it from fifth spot.

The Red Devils meantime will look to end a poor month in which they surrendered the minor premiership on the last day of the season and went down to Premier League opposition in Cumberland Foxes in the Top Corner Sports Cup Final.

By Lee Gagliardi

Photo by Adam Butler

FFSA RESULTS

Week 2 Devine Homes Final 5 Series

First Semi Final
MetroStars 2
(Dav.Menechella, M.Matricciani)
Adelaide Blue Eagles 2
(M.Domiguez, S.Parissos)
Best – MetroStars (N.Wildy, S.Grelli, L.Robertson) Blue Eagles (S.Parissos, D.Kenrick, D.DiMella)

Devine Homes Super League Reserves

First Semi Final
MetroStars 3
(J.Matricciani, D.Mettyear, J.Polisena)
Adelaide Galaxy 0 (HT 0-0)
Best – MetroStars (A.Turner, A.Taormina, M.Rende) Galaxy (J.Garlick, T.Georgakopoulos, H.Bryant)

Devine Homes Super League Under 19
First Semi Final
MetroStars 1 (L.Camerelli)
Adelaide City 0 (HT 0-0)
Best – MetroStars (R.Callisto, J.Groves, A.Polisena) Adel City (T.Barbaro, Forrester, Solano)

Rescheduled Fixtures
Devine Homes Super League

Second Semi Final
Campbelltown City vs Adelaide City
Monday 31st August – 7:30pm
Adelaide City Park, Hilltop Drive, OAKDEN

Devine Homes Premier League
First Semi Final
Adelaide Cobras vs White City Woodville
Tuesday 1st September – 7:30pm
Con Makris Park, Corner Saratoga Drive & Morphett Street, NOVAR GARDENS

STRIKERS BOOK PLACE IN GRAND FINAL

Major Semi-Final: Brisbane Strikers 3 (Michael Butters 72', 117', Adam Webber 90+3') - Olympic FC 2 (Brad Lacey 21', Alex Panic 46')

Brisbane Strikers overcame Olympic FC to gain a spot in the 2009 Hyundai QSL Grand Final on Saturday night. The outcome wasn't straightforward as the Strikers ran out 3-2 winners in extra time after having to overcome a two goal deficit.

The game proved to be one of the best of the season as Olympic secured a 2-0 lead early in the second half thanks to goals from Brad Lacey and Alex Panic, but couldn't withstand a late onslaught from the home side as Michael Butters and Adam Webber combined to draw their side level. Butters then repeated his earlier heroics with a goal three minutes from the end of extra time to clinch the game for the Strikers.

The Strikers began the game the brighter, forcing three corner kicks inside the first three minutes, and when one of these was played low and hard by John Costello to Chay Hews, the Strikers midfielder had the game's first shot on goal, lifting the ball a metre over Matthew Ham's crossbar.

The Strikers continued from there dominating the opening stages, but Olympic held on and began to force their way into the contest. A header by Andrew Oar over Strikers goalkeeper Ryan Pearse's crossbar from a Jack Petrie cross in the 8th minute was an early warning shot across the home team's bow.

Two minutes later Olympic got a reward for their growing influence on the game when Petrie chipped a high ball towards the penalty spot and, with the Strikers' defence caught ball-watching and Pearse coming off his line, Lacey got to the ball first to plant a firm header past Pearse and into the net.

Olympic struck again just after halftime. A sloppy turnover of possession twenty metres inside their own half by the Strikers allowed Olympic to slide a quick pass out to Oar, who took the ball towards the byline before squaring it for Panic. He made no mistakes, sliding the ball past the exposed Pearse to make the score 2-0 to Olympic.

It took the Strikers till the 72nd minute to find a response when Michael Butters leapt above Olympic's tall centre-backs to direct a bullet-like header past Ham, who had left his line and found himself in no-man's land.

The pace of the game was unrelenting as it went into the final ten minutes, and it looked as if the visitors were suffering the most as the Strikers strove desperately to find a way through them for an equaliser.

Three minutes into time added on Brisbane finally found their equaliser when a through ball found the feet of Webber. The Strikers' substitute raced towards the corner of Olympic's six yard box. The angle was tight for Webber but, with his team's Grand Final hopes hinging on what he did next, he held his nerve - simply rolling the ball across the goalmouth, eventually trickling across the line.

The goal duly took the game into thirty minutes of extra time, which Olympic looked ill-equipped to deal with. Most of the play headed towards Olympic's goal as the Strikers went looking for the killer blow.

The winning goal came about when the Strikers won another free kick on the left with three minutes of extra time remaining. Up stepped Moon, delivering a free kick into Olympic's penalty area where, once again, Butters met the ball. This time his header was less than cleanly struck but it still had enough on it to deceive Ham, looping over his head to rest in the far corner of his goal and book Brisbane a spot in the final.

By Jarrod Ellis
In Brisbane

QSL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
1 Brisbane Strikers	20	16	2	2	69	19	50	50
2 Olympic FC	20	15	1	4	54	22	32	46
3 Sunshine Coast	20	13	2	5	55	28	27	41
4 Redlands C Devils	20	11	1	8	54	33	21	34
5 NQ Razorbacks	20	10	2	8	42	31	11	32
6 Logan United FC	20	9	5	6	35	35	0	32
7 FNQ Bulls	20	7	3	10	38	42	-4	24
8 Queensland AoS	20	7	3	10	35	46	-11	24
9 Capricorn Cougars	20	6	1	13	33	58	-25	19
10 Whitsunday Miner	20	4	3	13	30	50	-20	15
11 Bundaberg Spirit	20	0	1	19	14	95	-81	1

SUTHERLAND REACH SECOND SUCCESSIVE GRAND FINAL

In a dramatic turnaround at King Tomislav Oval on Sunday, the Sutherland Sharks came from 2-0 down to topple premiers Sydney United 3-2, and force their way into the 2009 grand final. It has been a vintage year for Robbie Stanton and his men, who have already claimed the Tiger Turf Cup, and have now put themselves in pole position for the big prize.

In the minor semi-final, played a day earlier, a dogged Manly United found their third successive extra-time struggle too much for them, as they succumbed 2-0 to Marconi at Bossley Park. Details of that encounter can be found below.

Next week, the attention will be on King Tomislav Oval again as Sydney United battle Marconi for the chance to face Sutherland in the season decider, which will be played at the CUA Stadium in Penrith on Sunday 13 September, at 3 p.m.

Marconi Stallions 2-0 Manly United (a.e.t.)

Manly have proved themselves an incredibly tough unit over the last few seasons, never relinquishing their title chances easily. At Bossley Park on Saturday, they yet again took their hosts to extra time, but this time the strain of the last three weeks told, as Marconi ran out 2-0 winners.

Marconi took charge early in the game, calling to mind the encounter between the two sides at the same venue earlier in the season, in which the hosts had dominated play despite only picking up a point. Matthew Gordon and Ivorian youngster Ousmane Toure both had half-chances, with the Marconi midfield looking smooth and incisive.

On 19 minutes, the home side's right-back Chris Nunes surged into the inside-right channel and whacked a shot over the bar from barely six yards. A few minutes later a cross from Vuko Tomasevic on the left reached Alex Canak in space, but the Marconi striker could not gain control of the ball.

An error from Marconi keeper James Chronopoulos almost ended in disaster on 32 minutes; the young gloveman came out to intercept a deep cross, but found himself second to the ball. To the relief of the home fans, Jamie Garside's header drifted just wide of the upright. Then it was back up the other end, with Toure beating Andrew Mailer with delightful skill before firing a shot at Brad Swancott in the Manly goal.

Manly had their moments, and Craig Midgley and Joey Schirripa both went close as the first period came to an end, the latter from one of his dangerous free kicks. 0-0 at the break, and although the hosts had looked the more dangerous, Manly were clearly not to be underestimated.

Marconi continued to dictate matters in the second period. Toure, always lively, nearly chipped Swancott on 66 minutes, and Canak's dangerous cross from the left some three minutes later needed a desperate grasp from the Manly keeper. At the other end, Matthew Bingley went on one of his occasional runs from defence, and was actually played clean through on goal, but snatched at his right-footed shot.

Marconi's Iraqi import Ali Abbas flashed a ball across the face of the Manly goal on 88 minutes, but there was no-one there to capitalise. Extra time it would be.

Abbas was involved again on 93 minutes, playing Canak through in the middle; the big striker, however, failed to beat Swancott, quick off his line. But there was nothing Swancott could do on 95 minutes, when Nahuel Arrarte took advantage of a defensive error to hit the right-hand byline and cut the ball back for Abbas, who tucked away the chance at the far post.

Although Keith Shevlin managed a shot on the turn on 107 minutes, Manly did not look like squaring up the game, and in the final minute of extra time, Marconi's other Ivorian, midfielder Vamana Diarra, sealed his side's place in the preliminary final by combining sweetly with substitute Erick Anabalon before sliding the ball past Swancott from close range.

FNSW DETAILS

TELECHOICE PREMIER LEAGUE: FINAL SERIES:

MAJOR SEMI FINALS:
FIRST GRADE: Sydney United 2 (Own goal 45m Andrija Petkovic 58m) Sutherland Sharks 3 (Panagiotis Nikas 69m pen Jim Bakis 86m Christopher Price 92m).

GRADE 20: Blacktown City 0 Sydney Olympic 1.
MINOR SEMI FINALS: FIRST GRADE: Marconi Stallions 2 (Ali Al-Hilfi 96m Vamara Diarra 120m) Manly United FC 0 Extra Time (0-0 F/T).

GRADE 20: Sutherland Sharks 1 Sydney United 2.

SUPER LEAGUE: FINAL SERIES: MAJOR SEMI FINALS: FIRST GRADE: Rockdale City Suns 0 PCYC Parramatta 1 (P Gatt 93m). GRADE 20: Northern Tigers 2 PCYC Parramatta 0.

DIVISION ONE: FINAL SERIES: MAJOR SEMI FINALS: FIRST GRADE: Dulwich Hill 1 (H James 47m) Mounties FC 2 (D McCann 56m C Care 85m). GRADE 20: Schofield Scorpions 2 Mounties FC 1.

By Mike Salter

In Sydney

Southern Sides Dominate Top-Four Semis

Northern Tasmania may have beaten Southern Tasmania 2-0 in a recent representative game in Launceston, which was the curtain-raiser to the A-League friendly between Melbourne Victory and Adelaide United, but at club level, it's a different story.

In Saturday's state-wide top-four series, three southern clubs reached the semi-finals with wins against northern opponents.

The other game, between the south's Clarence United and northern champions Northern Rangers, was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch in Launceston.

In the games that were played, Southern champions South Hobart despatched Riverside Olympic of Launceston 2-0 at KGV Park, Tilford Zebras, who finished second in the south, beat northerners Prospect Knights 4-2, also at KGV, and Glenorchy Knights, from the south, scored a goal in stoppage time to overcome North-West Coast powerhouse Devonport City 4-3 at the Ulverstone Showground.

Tilford Zebras missed several early chances and it was Prospect Knights that took a surprise lead when Nathan Balym converted a penalty in the 9th minute.

Zebras were level within a minute when right-fullback Brayden Pace ventured forward and fired into the top left-hand corner from just outside the box.

Dwayne Walsh and Paul Cairns then missed reasonable chances for Zebras before the break, but it was Walsh who put Zebras in front for the first time in the 57th minute with a diagonal run across the box and a shot off the inside of the left-hand upright.

South Hobart's Shae Hickey (right) tangles with a Riverside's Todd Mitchell, while referee Craig Phillips looks on.

Ricky Self forced a spectacular save from Knights keeper Innis Gallagher on the hour, but in the 63rd minute, Sean Harris went close for Prospect Knights when his shot from an acute angle on the right took a deflection and flew harmlessly across the goalmouth.

Cairns squandered another chance in the 68th minute, but Matt Hall made it 3-1 for the Zebras in the 74th minute by firing home Walsh's right-wing cross.

Prospect Knights were far from finished, however, and Harris ensured a nail-biting finish when he made it 3-2 with 12 minutes remaining after he was left unmarked at the far post and slammed home Chris Pickering's low cross from the left.

Jayden Welch missed an absolute sitter for Zebras 8 minutes from the end, but then redeemed himself by setting up Walsh for a goal in the 86th minute to make it 4-2 for the southerners.

South Hobart took 72 minutes to hit the front against a physical and plucky Riverside Olympic, Ricki Eaves volleying home Seth Otte's cross from the edge of the box.

Kostas Kanakaris made it 2-0 six minutes later from Eaves's pass, but Riverside's Will Guy then smashed a shot against South's crossbar to just remind the home side that the visitors were not down and out yet.

With four minutes remaining, Riverside's Scott Hanson had a header cleared by Hugh Ludford, while South's Shae Hickey fired over when well placed.

Devonport City led Glenorchy Knights 2-1 at the interval through a free-kick by Sean Howe and a penalty by the same player. Jade Clay had scored for the southerners.

Goals by Devonport's Kamil Douglas and two strikes by the Knights' Josh Fielding and Mynonge Kamba made it 3-3 before Knights were awarded a penalty in the dying seconds.

Devonport's keeper, Rod Andrews, saved Corey Smith's spot-kick, but Smith followed up and rifled home the winner.

By Walter Pless

Photo by Waletr Pless

MENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE: North-West: Northern Utd 2 (C Barkho C Dickson) Yarra Jets 3 (D Meade 2 A Zarwue), Northern Roosters 2 (O Baykan a uguz) Altona North 0, Heidelberg Stars 1 (H Abdullahi) Tullamarine Jets 2 (H Cicek O Kurucu), Broadmeadows Utd 4 (M Yilmaz S Gorgun G Celtik 2) Moreland Wolves 1 (M Morlacci), Res: Northern Utd 3 Yarra Jets 2, Northern Roosters 6 Altona North 1, Heidelberg Stars 1 Tullamarine Jets 2 (M Emer 2), Broadmeadows Utd 3 Moreland Wolves 4

South-East: Caulfield Grammarians 3 (M Davies CM Saristavros C Donlevy) Harrisfield Hurricanes 1 (S Rai), Dandenong Warriors 2 (C Aliphon 2) Manningham 1 (T Da Silva), Ringwood City 0 Parkmore 2 (BS Holod P Nahal), Res: Caulfield Grammarians 0 Harrisfield Hurricanes 2, Dandenong Warriors 0 Manningham 3, Ringwood City 3 Parkmore 1

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE: Div 1: Whittlesea Stallions 3 Uni. of Melbourne 0, Altona City 4 Brighton 0, Monbulk 0 Whitehorse Utd 0, Bayswater Strikers 2 (M Armitage S Dethridge) South Springvale 5 (M Tartaglia T Grkinjic 2 M Batinic 2), Ballarat Lady Devils (BDSA) 3 (K Riley D Martin SJ Gentle) South Yarra 0, Res: Whittlesea Stallions 0 Uni. of Melbourne 10, Altona City 7 Brighton 0, Monbulk 2 Whitehorse Utd 0, Bayswater Strikers 3 South Springvale 2, Ballarat Lady Devils (BDSA) 2 South Yarra 1

Div 2 North-West: Western Suburbs 1 (J Padic) Fawkner Blues 0, Bundoora Utd 4 (N Nicolaou S Oddo K Smith 2) Melbourne Bears 0, La Trobe University 7 (J Marum NE Garner 5 J Diakun) Darebin Falcons 2 (AJ Mackie E Kotsiras), Western Eagles 6 (S Cook 3 M Maltaric B Kean A Kezovska) North Geelong 0

Div 2 South-East: Mornington Flames 1 (O Gregory) Doncaster Rovers 2 (N Exon 2), Monash University 1 (JP Gibson) Ashburton 3, Albert Park 1 (JL Newberry) Sandringham 1 (J Koumi), Southern Suburbs 4 (K Finlay 2 T Moutafis V Papazoglou) Beaumaris 1 (T Kiddle), Berwick City 6 (J Cary 4 T Eliadis A Ravi) Mooroolbark 0

Div 3 North-West: Maribyrnong Utd 0 FC Bulleen Lions 6 (C Garra L Latina M Simonetti 3 K Lava), Melbourne Tornado 2 Sunshine Georgies 3, Diamond Valley Utd 2 (L Greco KL Bouwmeester) Cairnlea WSC 2 (T Hussein D Mutluel), Brunswick Zebras 2 (J Holroyd 2) Keilor Park 5 (C Gluhak M Emond KH Nguyen 3)

Div 3 South-East: North Caulfield 4 (R Rubenstein J Susser E Lippmann R Rubenstein) East Bentleigh 0, South Melbourne 6 Knox City 2, Noble Park 9 (S Davies 4 C Keefe 2 A Partila M Van Der Heyde R Kok) Old Carey 0

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE: North-West: Brunswick City 9 (E Beslis S Rawlings M Ismay 3 N Lampard 4) Tullamarine Jets 0, Lalor 2 (E Fazlioglu 2) Sydenham Park 0, Brunswick Zebras 0 North City Lions 3 (C Caligiuri T De Melo c santos)

South-East: Monash University 1 (A Walsh Howe) Box Hill Inter 5, Ringwood City 2 Croydon City Arrows 5, Langwarrin 4 Bayswater Strikers 0,

Central: Fitzroy City 10 (J Hopman 4 S Pollack 4 Own Goal 2) Swinburne University WSC 2, Elwood City 0 Uni. of Melbourne 1 (P Foong), DOC United WFC 1 (L Peric) Sandringham 0

Mens Metropolitan League North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heidelberg Stars	18	14	2	2	54	17	44
Northern Roosters	18	11	2	5	38	20	35
Tullamarine Jets	19	10	4	5	40	18	34
Yarra Jets	19	11	1	7	46	46	34
Broadmeadows Utd	19	7	6	6	39	37	23
Northern Utd	19	6	6	7	36	37	23
Moreland Wolves	19	4	3	12	24	41	15
Altona North	19	0	0	19	14	75	0

Mens Metropolitan League North-West Reserves

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heidelberg Stars	18	12	2	4	52	24	38
Tullamarine Jets	19	11	3	5	50	26	36
Moreland Wolves	19	11	2	6	36	36	35
Broadmeadows Utd	19	11	1	7	40	26	31
Yarra Jets	19	8	3	8	42	36	27
Northern Utd	19	8	2	9	34	45	26
Northern Roosters	18	2	4	12	24	43	10
Altona North	19	2	3	14	28	70	9

Mens Metropolitan League South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ringwood City	17	12	2	3	42	23	38
Caulfield Grammarians	17	12	1	4	38	22	37
Parkmore	17	12	1	4	36	21	37
Dandenong Warriors	17	7	1	9	27	34	22
Harrisfield Hurricanes	17	5	3	9	26	37	18
St. Kevins	17	4	1	12	19	33	13
Manningham	18	3	1	14	31	49	10

Mens Metropolitan League South-East Reserves

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ringwood City	17	12	1	4	44	19	37
Parkmore	17	10	2	5	40	30	32
Caulfield Grammarians	17	8	2	7	27	31	26
Dandenong Warriors	17	7	3	7	45	53	24
Harrisfield Hurricanes	17	4	7	6	23	27	19
St. Kevins	17	4	5	8	40	42	17
Manningham	18	3	4	11	34	51	13

Womens State League Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona City	17	16	0	1	73	8	48
Ballarat Lady Devils (BDSA)	17	12	1	4	55	21	37
South Springvale	17	12	1	4	47	20	37
Bayswater Strikers	17	9	1	7	51	28	28
Uni. of Melbourne	17	8	2	7	21	21	26
Whitehorse Utd	17	7	4	6	25	26	25
Brighton	17	5	2	10	26	41	17
South Yarra	17	4	1	12	17	49	13
Monbulk	17	2	6	9	16	32	12
Whittlesea Stallions	17	1	0	16	8	93	3

Womens State League Div 1 Reserves

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni. of Melbourne	17	15	1	1	56	5	46
Altona City	17	14	1	2	64	13	43
South Springvale	17	10	3	4	47	17	33
Ballarat Lady Devils (BDSA)	17	10	2	5	36	23	32
Bayswater Strikers	17	9	2	6	49	30	29
Brighton	17	8	1	8	34	39	25
Monbulk	17	4	3	10	17	34	15
South Yarra	17	2	3	12	18	37	9
Whitehorse Utd	17	2	3	12	13	49	9
Whittlesea Stallions	17	1	1	15	7	94	4

Womens State League Div 2 North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
La Trobe University	15	13	1	1	71	10	40
Bundoora Utd	14	12	2	0	58	9	38
Western Eagles	14	10	1	3	44	11	31
Fawkner Blues	14	5	3	6	23	32	18
Western Suburbs	14	5	1	8	15	38	16
Melbourne Bears	14	4	1	9	22	46	13
Darebin Falcons	14	3	2	9	23	50	11
North Geelong	15	1	3	11	6	42	6
Melton	8	1	0	7	6	30	3

Womens State League Div 2 South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	17	15	2	0	59	11	47
Berwick City	17	12	3	2	77	14	39
Ashburton	17	10	3	4	40	18	33
Albert Park	17	7	4	6	30	20	25
Sandringham	17	5	4	8	21	31	19
Southern Suburbs	17	6	1	10	21	56	19
Beaumaris	17	6	1	10	22	59	19
Monash University	16	4	3	9	19	28	15
Mornington Flames	16	5	0	11	29	42	15
Mooroolbark	17	3	1	13	16	55	10

Womens State League Div 3 North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cairnlea WSC	15	14	1	0106	21	43	
Keilor Park	16	11	2	3	82	18	35
FC Bulleen Lions	15	11	1	3	74	18	34
Diamond Valley Utd	15	10	3	2	50	18	33
Brunswick Zebras	15	7	1	7	46	36	22
Sunshine Georgies	15	3	2	10	22	76	11
Maribyrnong Utd	15	2	2	11	14	76	8
Epping City	15	2	1	12	16	64	7
Melbourne Tornado	15	0	3	12	14	97	3

Womens State League Div 3 South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Noble Park	14	14	0	0	72	6	42
North Caulfield	13	10	1	2	37	13	31
Endeavour Utd	13	7	1	5	38	28	22
Ashburton	13	5	2	6	37	35	17
Old Carey	13	4	0	9	27	51	12
South Melbourne	13	2	4	7	22	42	10
East Bentleigh	13	2	2	9	13	39	8
Knox City	12	2	2	8	13	45	8

Womens Metropolitan League North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North City Lions	14	10	2	2	53	21	32
Sydenham Park	14	10	1	3	41	20	31
Brunswick City	15	9	3	3	57	24	30
Lalor	15	7	2	6	47	22	23
Brunswick Zebras	15	6	2	7	54	27	20
Mitchell Rangers	14	2	2	10	14	44	8
Tullamarine Jets	15	1	0	14	10118		3

Womens Metropolitan League South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	15	15	0	0	91	8	45
Langwarrin	16	14	0	2	62	15	42
Croydon City Arrows	15	9	1	5	47	25	28
Dandenong City	15	8	0	7	47	39	24
Monash University	16	4	2	10	21	41	14
Ringwood City	16	3	1	12	24	51	10
Bayswater Strikers	16	0	1	15	7	97	1

Womens Metropolitan League Central

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarra Jets	14	13	1	0	76	7	40
Elwood City	15	10	1	4	37	19	31
DOC United WFC	15	7	4	4	23	14	25
Watsonia Heights WSC	15	7	0	8	29	43	21
Fitzroy City	15	5	3	7	31	41	18
Uni. of Melbourne	15	5	2	8	18	29	17
Albert Park WSC	14	5	1	8	15	26	16
Swinburne University WSC	15	4	2	9	20	45	14
Sandringham	16	3	2	11	9	34	11

Football Federation Victoria: Junior Results - August 28 to August 30 2009

Boys 18 Super League: Essendon Royals 1 Springvale White Eagles 1, Fawkner 1 Brighton 0, Bundoora Utd 0 Green Gully 1, Keilor Park 0 FC Bulleen Lions 2, Sandringham City 2 South Melbourne 5

Boys S/E 16 Super: Langwarrin 2 North Caulfield 1, Richmond 0 FC Bulleen Lions 2, Oakleigh 1 South Melbourne 2, Berwick City 0 Mornington 3

Boys S/E 15 Super: Beaumaris 2 Knox City 3, Richmond 0 FC Bulleen Lions 1, Sandringham City 1 South Melbourne 5, Oakleigh 1 Peninsula 0, Berwick City 0 Monash City 2

Boys S/E 14 Super: South Melbourne 0 Monash City 1, Richmond 4 FC Bulleen Lions 1, Sandringham City 1 Croydon City Arrows 1, Oakleigh 3 Dandenong Thunder 0, Berwick City 6 Mornington 0

Boys S/E 13 Super: Knox City 2 Monash City 0, Sandringham City 3 South Melbourne 1, Brighton 0 Box Hill Inter 1, South Eastern Piranhas 4 Mornington 0

Boys N/W 16 Super: Melbourne Knights 2 Altona East 2, Sunshine Georgies 2 Green Gully 1, Preston Lions 0 Altona Magic 2 (B Zezovski 2), Whittlesea Stallions 0 Keilor Park 3,

Boys N/W 15 Super: Green Gully 3 Whittlesea Stallions 0, Brimbank Stallions 7 Brunswick City 0, Melbourne Knights 0 Keilor Park 0, Epping City 0 Altona East 4, Essendon Royals 1 Hume City 0

Boys N/W 14 Super: Whittlesea Stallions 1 Bundoora Utd 1, Altona City 4 Gisborne 3, Melbourne Knights 1 Green Gully 0, Brunswick Zebras 0 Keilor Park 0, Essendon Royals 3 North City Lions 1

Boys N/W 13 Super: Brunswick City 0 N.T.C 1, Green Gully 1 Whittlesea Stallions 3, Light Utd 2 Brunswick City 2, Melbourne Knights 1 Keilor Park 0, GRFA 0 Hume City 1,

Boys Metro 18 Blue: Western Eagles 0 Oakleigh 2, Altona East 1 Melbourne Phoenix 1

Boys Metro 18 Purple: Bentleigh Greens 3 Pascoe Vale 0, Frankston Pines 0 Richmond 3, Heidelberg Utd 4 Sunshine Georgies 3, Northcote City 0 Oakleigh 2

Boys 18 Sth: Baxter 1 Casey Comets 1 2, Beaumaris 2 Langwarrin 6, Brandon Park 6 Dandenong City 4, Bayside Knights FC 3 Casey Comets 2 0, Berwick City 1 Keysborough 1

Boys South 16 A: Doveton 1 Beaumaris 5, Brighton 1 East Bentleigh 3, Sandringham City 1 Peninsula 1, Dandenong City 0 Dandenong Thunder 4,

Boys South 16 B: Baxter 3 James Cook FC 0, Brighton 3 Casey Comets 4, Bayside Knights FC 1 Springvale White Eagles 1, Bentleigh Greens 6 Carrum Utd 0, Beaumaris 1 Endeavour Utd 2

Boys South 15 A: Sandringham City 0 Brighton 4, Endeavour Utd 2 Hampton 1, Bentleigh Greens 1 Mornington 0

Boys South 15 B: White Star Dandenong 2 Langwarrin 0, Mornington 0 East Bentleigh 2, Seaford Utd 2 Brighton 2, Bentleigh Greens 6 Dandenong City 3, Berwick City 2 Casey Comets 1

Boys South 15 C: Baxter 1 East Bentleigh 2, Bayside Knights FC 9 Rosebud 0, Sandringham City 0 Peninsula 1 12, Brighton 2 Keysborough 6, Peninsula 2 0 Hampton 0

Boys South 14 A: Dandenong City 2 Beaumaris 0, Doveton 0 Brighton 1, Bentleigh Greens 1 Keysborough 2,

Boys South 14 B: Langwarrin 4 Springvale White Eagles 5, Mornington 0 Peninsula 1, Brighton 2 1 Carrum Utd 5, Casey Comets 4 Hampton 1

Boys South 14 C: Beaumaris 2 East Bentleigh 0, Endeavour Utd 2 Hampton Park Utd 0, Lyndale Utd 4 Brighton 5, Peninsula 2 James Cook FC 5, Bentleigh Greens 13 Cardinia United Junior Soccer Club 0

Boys South 13 A: Doveton 1 Beaumaris 1, Bentleigh Greens 3 Casey Comets 1, Sandringham City 0 Brighton 0, Berwick City 2 Hampton 1

Boys South 13 B: Beaumaris 1 Langwarrin 0, Mornington 0 Dandenong Thunder 1, Bentleigh Greens 2 Brighton 2, Berwick City 2 Hampton Park Utd 3

Boys South 13 C: Doveton 0 Seaford Utd 4, Lyndale Utd 1 Casey Panthers 3, Berwick City 1 Hampton 0

Boys South 13 D: Baxter 2 Beaumaris 1 2, Westernport SC 4 Rosebud 2, Sandringham City 1 Peninsula 2, Seaford Utd 0 Carrum Utd 4, Casey Comets 4 Cardinia United Junior Soccer Club 0

Boys South 12 A: Langwarrin 3 Beaumaris 1, Southern Stars 0 GSL 4, Bentleigh Greens 0 Springvale White Eagles 8, Brighton 4 South Eastern Piranhas 0, Berwick City 5 Mornington 1

Boys South 12 B: Mornington 2 Hampton Park Utd 0, Sandringham City 7 Peninsula 0, Brighton 3 Dandenong City 0,

Boys South 12 C: Beaumaris 0 East Bentleigh 10, Aspendale 3 Casey Comets 4, Sandringham City 1 Brighton 2 5, Brighton 1 0 Hampton 1,

Boys South 12 D: Baxter 4 Beaumaris 1, Dandenong City 1 East Bentleigh 1, Langwarrin 4 Brighton 0, Peninsula 0 Carrum Utd 7, Berwick City 3 Aspendale 0

Boys South 12 E: White Star Dandenong 10 Casey Comets 0, Lyndale Utd 4 Casey Panthers 2, Westernport SC 0 Keysborough 2

Boys South 11 Green: Hampton 7 Langwarrin 0, Sandringham City 2 Dandenong Thunder 0, Mornington 0 South Eastern Piranhas 1, Aspendale 0 Brighton 5, Berwick City 0 Peninsula 6,

Boys South 11 Red: Bentleigh Greens 0 Brighton 5, Sandringham City 1 Heatherton Utd 1, Peninsula 0 Hampton 2, Langwarrin 3 Mornington 1

Boys South 11 Blue: Baxter 0 East Bentleigh 5, Mornington 0 Hampton Park Utd 1, Doveton 4 Springvale White Eagles 0, Bentleigh Greens 18 Rosebud 0,

Boys South 11 Orange: Beaumaris 0 Seaford Utd 6, Mornington 0 Brighton 6, Hampton 3 Aspendale 0,

Boys Sth 11 Jo Gr: Beaumaris 1 Brighton 2 4, Doveton 6 East Bentleigh 0, Sandringham City 2 Peninsula 0, Berwick City 2 Dandenong City 5, Brighton 1 1 James Cook FC 1

Boys 18 Ea Or: Sherbrooke Rangers 7 Beaumaris 0, Northcote City 3 Brighton 0, North Caulfield 2 Riversdale 1, Nunawading City 0 Heidelberg Stars 3, Whitehorse Utd 0 Manningham 2

Boys 18 Ea Yell: Ashburton 7 Waverley Victory FC 3, Knox City 0 East Bentleigh 2, Eastern Lions 1 Oakleigh 0, Doncaster Rovers 1 Glen Waverley 3

Boys Sth Ea 13 D: Hampton Park Utd 0 Ringwood City 2, Glen Waverley 4 Ashburton 0, Doncaster Rovers 1 Croydon City Arrows 0, Brighton 4 Sandringham City 3

Boys East 16 A: Doncaster Rovers 6 Manningham 0, Oakleigh 0 Riversdale 2

Boys East 16 B: North Caulfield 4 Port Melbourne 1, Ashburton 2 Caulfield United Cobras 2, Boroondara Eagles 0 Doncaster Rovers 0, Whitehorse Utd 3 Richmond 0

Boys East 16 C: Ashburton 0 Sherbrooke Rangers 7,

Boys East 15 A: Whitehorse Utd 3 Manningham 1, Malvern City 5 Ringwood City 1, Box Hill Inter 2 Glen Waverley 2, Casey Comets 0 Doncaster Rovers 4, FC Bulleen Lions 0 North Caulfield 2

Boys East 15 B: Riversdale 1 Whitehorse Utd 1, Knox City 1 Melbourne Phoenix 2, Glen Waverley 0 Doncaster Rovers 1

Boys East 15 C: Richmond 7 Glen Eira 0, Nunawading City 2 Croydon City Arrows 1, Boroondara Eagles 1 North Caulfield 2,

Boys East 15 D: Sherbrooke Rangers 5 Heatherton Utd 2, Croydon City Arrows 1 Boronia 1,

Boys East 14 A: Riversdale 1 North Caulfield 1, Richmond 1 Knox City 0, Doncaster Rovers 8 Boronia 0, Glen Waverley 0 Box Hill Inter 1, FC Bulleen Lions 1 South Melbourne 1

Boys East 14 B: Waverley Victory FC 1 Ringwood City 0, Nunawading City 0 Waverley Wanderers 7, Boroondara Eagles 8 Port Melbourne 2,

Boys East 14 C: North Caulfield 3 Oakleigh 1, Richmond 9 Caulfield United Cobras 1, Ashburton 0 Glen Eira 1, Eastern Lions 3 Knox Utd 1, Whitehorse Utd 2 Sherbrooke Rangers 2

Boys East 14 D: Manningham 0 Riversdale 2, Glen Eira 0 Doncaster Rovers 4,

Boys Ea 14 E: Malvern City 1 Rowville Eagles 3, Eastern Lions 1 North Caulfield 2

Boys East 13 A: Riversdale 1 North Caulfield 0, Richmond 0 Melbourne Phoenix 4, Oakleigh 3 Glen Waverley 0, Box Hill Inter 0 Doncaster Rovers 3, FC Bulleen Lions 0 Nunawading City 0

Boys East 13 B: Croydon City Arrows 2 North Caulfield 1, Oakleigh 1 FC Bulleen Lions 3, Doncaster Rovers 4 Sherbrooke Rangers 0, Boroondara Eagles 0 Ashburton 6, Whitehorse Utd 1 Richmond 7

Boys East 13 C: North Caulfield 3 Riversdale 3, Ashburton 1 Croydon City Arrows 5, Eastern Lions 3 Glen Waverley 1, Boroondara Eagles 2 Doncaster Rovers 1,

Boys East 12 A: South Melbourne 2 Monash City 1, Hampton 0 FC Bulleen Lions 0, Box Hill Inter 6 Croydon City Arrows 1, Eastern Lions 1 Doncaster Rovers 2, Whitehorse Utd 1 Richmond 2

Boys East 12 B: Knox City 5 Port Melbourne 1, Ashburton 2 FC Bulleen Lions 0, Knox Utd 4 Box Hill Inter 3, Boroondara Eagles 1 Doncaster Rovers 4, Oakleigh 3 Richmond 0

Boys East 12 C: Riversdale 3 Manningham 1, Malvern City 0 Glen Waverley 5, Oakleigh 1 Caulfield United Cobras 2, Whitehorse Utd 0 Sherbrooke Rangers 1, Ashburton 0 Ringwood City 2

Boys East 12 D: Waverley Wanderers 0 North Caulfield 4, Knox Utd 2 Whitehorse Utd 0, Doncaster Rovers 2 Croydon City Arrows 0, Boroondara Eagles 3 Sherbrooke Rangers 0, FC Bulleen Lions 7 Richmond 0

Boys East 12 E: Ashburton 4 Whitehorse 1 1, North Caulfield 0 Glen Waverley 1 1,

Boys East 11 Green: Knox City 0 Manningham 0, Whitehorse Utd 1 FC Bulleen Lions 3, Monash City 8 Croydon City Arrows 0, Malvern City 1 Box Hill Inter 1, Oakleigh 0 Ashburton 5

Boys East 11 Ka Or: Riversdale 1 North Caulfield 5, Nunawading City 2 Ringwood City 1, Eastern Lions 1 South Melbourne 5, Glen Waverley 2 Doncaster Rovers 3, FC Bulleen Lions 1 Richmond 4

Boys E11 Joeys Blue: Richmond 0 Knox Utd 1, Ashburton 0 Knox City 3, Boroondara Eagles 1 North Caulfield 2

Boys East 11 Orange: Waverley Victory FC 1 Riversdale 0, Ashburton 1 Oakleigh 1, Doncaster Rovers 6 Glen Waverley 0, FC Bulleen Lions 1 Sherbrooke Rangers 1

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Boys Ea 11 Ka/Jo Yel: Doncaster Rovers 1 0 Glen Eira 2, Richmond 0 FC Bulleen Lions 1, North Caulfield 2 Ashburton 4, Boroondara Eagles 8 Caulfield United Cobras 0

Boys 18 Nth : Brunswick City 3 South Yarra 0,

Boys North 16 A: Brunswick Zebras 5 Northcote City 0, Bundoora Utd 1 Moreland City 3,

Boys North 16 B: Whittlesea Stallions 3 Sunbury Utd 0, Light Utd 2 Brunswick City 1, Epping City 3 Watsonia Heights 0, DOC United FC 5 Bundoora Utd 2,

Boys North 15 A: Brunswick Zebras 3 Hume Utd 0, Bundoora Utd 0 Greenvale Utd 0, Preston Lions 4 Essendon Royals 1, Sunbury Utd 2 Moreland City 1

Boys North 15 B: Clifton Hill 1 Fawkner 0, Meadow Park 4 Northcote City 0, FC City Central 4 Bundoora Utd 1

Boys Nth 15 C: Lalor Utd 2 DOC United FC 1, Yarra Jets 5 Cairnlea 1, Brunswick Zebras 4 Moreland Wolves 0, Banyule City 0 Heidelberg Utd 5

Boys North 14 A: Light Utd 7 Hume Utd 1, Brunswick Zebras 3 Fawkner 0, Diamond Valley Utd 0 Essendon Royals 0, Brunswick City 3 Moreland City 0

Boys North 14 B: Whittlesea Stallions 0 Yarra Jets 3, Alphington 1 Brunswick City 1, Banyule City 1 Heidelberg Stars 4, Bundoora Utd 2 Eltham North 0

Boys North 14 C: Brunswick Zebras 1 DOC United FC 4, Diamond Valley Utd 2 Fawkner 0, Sunbury Utd 0 Moreland Utd 4, FC City Central 1 Essendon Utd 5

Boys North 13 A: Moreland City 7 Light Utd 0, Bundoora Utd 0 Greenvale Utd 3, Moreland Utd 4 Preston Lions 0, Essendon Royals 0 Northcote City 5

Boys North 13 B: Moreland City 1 North Lions 2, Alphington 1 Eltham North 2, Diamond Valley Utd 2 Moreland Wolves 0, Plenty Valley Lions 1 Essendon Royals 4, Heidelberg Utd 4 Lalor 3

Boys North 13 C: North City Lions 3 Bundoora Utd 1

Boys North 12 A: Whittlesea Stallions 5 Sunbury Utd 1, Brunswick Zebras 1 Fawkner 2, Bundoora Utd 4 St. Albans 2, North City Lions 1 Lalor Utd 2, Essendon Royals 4 Alphington 0

Boys North 12 B: Light Utd 1 Brunswick City 1, Heidelberg Utd 5 Moreland Wolves 0, Plenty Valley Lions 0 Essendon Royals 1, Epping City 2 Northcote City 5

Boys North 12 C: Clifton Hill 2 Fawkner 1, Diamond Valley Utd 10 Watsonia Heights 0, Moreland Utd 3 Bundoora Utd 0, Moreland City 2 Brunswick Zebras 1

Boys North 12 D: Brunswick Zebras 0 Pascoe Vale 1, Yarra Jets FC 1 11 Sunshine Georgies 1, Broadmeadows Utd 0 DOC United FC 3, Banyule City 1 Yarra Jets FC 2 3

Boys Nth 11 Ka Ye: Light Utd 3 Brunswick City 1, Bundoora Utd 2 Watsonia Heights 0, Whittlesea Stallions 1 Hume Utd 3, Epping City 3 Northcote City 0

Boys Nth 11 Ka Bl: Brunswick Zebras 6 Eltham North 2, Moreland City 0 FC Birrarung 2, Heidelberg Utd 0 Preston Lions 6, Essendon Royals 9 Alphington 0

Boys Nth 11 Jo Or: Eltham North 1 Brunswick Zebras 1, Diamond Valley Utd 2 Whittlesea Stallions 1, Plenty Valley Lions 0 Heidelberg Stars 4, Epping City 1 Lalor 2

Boys Nth 11 Jo Red: Clifton Hill 1 Fawkner 4, Sunbury Utd 1 Bundoora Utd 1, Epping City 3 Yarra Jets 1

Boys West 16 A: Brimbank City 2 Werribee City 5, Williamstown 3 Geelong 0, GRFA 6 Keilor Park 0, Altona City 3 Hoppers Crossing 5

Boys West 16 B: Hoppers Crossing 0 Westgate 2, Werribee City 3 Yarraville 4,

Boys West 15 A: Melton 0 Sydenham Park 6, Green Gully 0 North Geelong Warriors 1, GRFA 5 Keilor Park 0, Werribee City 4 Sunshine Heights 0

Boys West 15 B: Yarraville 3 Melton 1, Altona East 2 Western Eagles 2, Avondale Heights 0 AVA Seagulls 6

Boys West 14 A: Green Gully 1 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 1, Laverton Park 1 Altona City 5, BASL 3 Geelong 0, GRFA 5 Sunshine Georgies 2, Williamstown 0 Brimbank Stallions 1

Boys West 14 B: Sunshine Georgies 1 Brimbank City 4, Maribyrnong Greens 2 Sydenham Park 2, Werribee City 1 Keilor Park 4, Avondale Heights 7 Hoppers Crossing 1

Boys We 14 C: Flemington Eagles 2 Spring Hills 1, Williamstown 5 Bacchus Marsh JSC 0,

Boys West 13 A: Green Gully 3 Sydenham Park 0, Cairnlea 4 Keilor Park 0, Williamstown 4 Brimbank Stallions 3

Boys West 13 B: Sunshine Heights 1 Brimbank Stallions 0, Keilor Wolves 8 Altona City 0, Cairnlea 1 Laverton Park 0, Williamstown 1 South Yarra 2

Boys West 13 C: Bell Park 3 Melton 1, Avondale Heights 1 Western Eagles 0

Boys West 12 A: Hoppers Crossing 0 Altona City 2, Green Gully 1 Brimbank City 0, Keilor Park 2 South Yarra 2, Melbourne Knights 5 Sunshine Georgies 1, Williamstown 0 Brimbank Stallions 3

Boys West 12 B: Green Gully 0 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 1, Brimbank Stallions 0 Altona City 4, Keilor Park 3 Sydenham Park 1, Maribyrnong Greens 7 Altona East 0, Werribee City 8 South Yarra 0

Boys West 12 C: Cairnlea 5 Westvale 0, GRFA 17 Werribee City 0, Point Cook FC 0 Laverton Park 8

Boys West 11 Green: Bell Park 0 Melbourne Knights 3, North Geelong Warriors 4 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 1

Boys We 11 Ka Bl: Hume City 5 Essendon Royals 0, Avondale Heights 10 Greenvale Utd 2

Boys West 11 Red: Melton 8 Point Cook FC 0, Hoppers Crossing 1 Altona City 11, Keilor Park 0 Meadow Park 1, Cairnlea 3 Laverton Park 1, Gisborne 4 South Yarra 1

Boys We 11 Jo Yell: Keilor Park 4 Spring Hills 0, Sunshine Heights 2 (D Kadlecik S Farrugia) Sydenham Park 1, Williamstown 3 Essendon Royals 1

Girls Nth We 18: Brunswick City 0 Keilor Wolves 4, Brunswick Zebras 16 (R Carr G Colla N Italiano 5 L Johnston T Thomas 4 B Humphrys 3 Own Goal) Gisborne 0, Diamond Valley Utd 7 Pascoe Vale 1, Preston Lions 3 Keilor Park 0

Girls Sth Ea 18: Boroondara Eagles 2 3 East Bentleigh 1, Whitehorse Utd 16 Endeavour Utd 0, Boronia 1 Langwarrin 5, Doncaster Rovers 1 Boroondara Eagles 1 2, Sherbrooke Rangers 1 Mooroolbark 4

Girls Metro 16 A: Richmond 16 Meadow Park 1, Brighton 8 Heatherton Utd 0, Eltham North 2 Casey Comets 1,

Girls Metro 16 B: Glen Waverley 1 Watsonia Heights 0, Carrum Utd 0 Peninsula 0, Sandringham City 1 Hampton Park Utd 1

Girls N/W 16 C: Altona East 0 Greenvale Utd 3, Brunswick Zebras 3 Sunbury Utd 2 (J Mangubat RL Wallace), Bundoora Utd 1 Bacchus Marsh JSC 0, Sydenham Park 0 Brimbank Stallions 3

Girls S/E 16 C: Croydon City Arrows 3 Whitehorse Utd 0, Knox City 0 Noble Park 2, Richmond 0 North Caulfield 0, Brighton 10 Beaumaris 0, FC Bulleen Lions 7 Springvale White Eagles 0

Girls Metro 15 A: North Caulfield 1 Diamond Valley Utd 3, Croydon City Arrows Sandringham City , Sherbrooke Rangers 1 Ashburton 4, Pascoe Vale 3 Alphington 0, Essendon Royals 4 Boroondara Eagles 1

Girls Metro 15 B: Kensington JGSC 7 Peninsula 2, South Melbourne 1 Brunswick Zebras 1, Berwick City 3 Port Melbourne 0, Doncaster Rovers 0 Boroondara Eagles 2

Girls Metro 15 C: Boronia 1 Langwarrin 1, Oakleigh 0 Mornington 1, Eastern Lions 0 Dandenong City 4, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Sandringham City 2

Girls Metro 15 D: Essendon Royals 3 Watsonia Heights 3, Eltham North 1 Yarra Jets 1

Sandringham City	17	4	5	8	19	33	17
Oakleigh	17	3	5	9	23	37	14
Dandenong Thunder	17	3	5	9	18	38	14
Croydon City Arrows	17	3	4	10	19	40	13
Mornington	16	0	1	15	13	68	1

Boys S/E 13 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	17	13	3	1	45	11	42
South Melbourne	17	12	1	4	41	13	37
South Eastern Piranhas	17	11	3	3	38	10	36
Richmond	16	11	3	2	31	13	36
Monash City	17	6	4	7	17	19	22
FC Bulleen Lions	16	7	1	8	18	21	22
Mornington	16	5	2	9	14	27	17
Box Hill Inter	17	4	2	11	5	26	14
Brighton	17	2	1	14	8	46	7
Knox City	16	1	2	13	9	40	5

Boys N/W 16 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona Magic	17	15	2	0	42	9	47
Preston Lions	17	12	3	2	50	14	39
Sunshine Heights	16	9	2	5	33	15	29
Green Gully	17	8	5	4	34	21	29
Sunshine Georgies	18	8	2	8	29	34	26
Whittlesea Stallions	17	5	3	9	20	28	18
Altona East	17	5	2	10	18	41	17
Essendon Royals	16	4	4	8	20	30	16
Keilor Park	17	4	1	12	19	35	13
Melbourne Knights	18	2	2	14	20	58	8

Boys N/W 15 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona East	18	14	3	1	63	7	45
Brimbank Stallions	18	12	5	1	44	7	41
Melbourne Knights	18	12	4	2	60	6	40
Hume City	18	9	4	5	51	23	31
Essendon Royals	18	8	4	6	29	14	28
Green Gully	17	6	6	5	21	20	24
Keilor Park	18	6	4	8	25	27	22
Epping City	18	4	2	12	17	58	14
Brunswick City	18	3	1	14	20	48	10
N.T.C	10	2	0	8	12	42	6
Whittlesea Stallions	17	1	1	15	8	98	4

Boys N/W 14 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keilor Park	17	12	4	1	34	10	40
Essendon Royals	17	12	3	2	41	14	39
Melbourne Knights	17	12	2	3	32	13	38
Brunswick Zebras	17	10	4	3	26	14	34
Green Gully	16	7	4	5	25	18	25
Bundoora Utd	17	6	4	7	25	27	22
Altona City	17	5	1	11	29	40	16
North City Lions	17	3	3	11	21	38	12
Gisborne	16	2	2	12	28	48	8
Whittlesea Stallions	17	0	3	14	13	52	3

Boys N/W 13 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Knights	19	15	1	3	49	11	46
Whittlesea Stallions	18	10	5	3	34	13	35
Green Gully	18	10	4	4	25	17	34
N.T.C	17	10	3	4	34	20	33
Keilor Park	19	8	3	8	18	16	27
Light Utd	19	7	6	6	30	29	27
GRFA	19	7	4	8	23	18	25
Hume City	19	6	5	8	17	25	23
Brunswick City	18	4	5	9	16	19	17
Hoppers Crossing	18	3	1	14	18	57	10
Epping City	18	2	1	15	9	48	7

Boys Metro 18 Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Phoenix	15	12	1	2	49	14	37
Pascoe Vale	15	9	2	4	45	28	29
Oakleigh	15	8	3	4	49	29	27
Ballarat & District SA	15	7	4	4	45	23	25
Altona East	14	5	4	5	36	31	19
St. Albans	14	5	3	6	41	27	18
Cairnlea	14	5	1	8	27	54	16
Essendon Utd	14	2	4	8	17	50	10
Western Eagles	14	0	2	12	10	63	2

Boys Metro 18 Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heidelberg Utd	15	11	0	4	70	29	33
Richmond	15	10	2	3	46	26	32
Oakleigh	15	9	2	4	36	19	29
Northcote City	15	8	1	6	38	31	25
Frankston Pines	15	8	1	6	34	32	25
Sunshine Georgies	15	6	2	7	37	36	20
Preston Lions	15	6	2	7	24	25	20
Bentleigh Greens	15	3	3	9	28	53	12
Pascoe Vale	16	0	1	15	13	75	1

Boys 18 South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong City	17	12	4	1	83	25	40
Casey Comets 1	17	10	3	4	56	31	33
Bayside Knights FC	17	10	2	5	60	29	32
Berwick City	17	9	5	3	44	26	32
Keysborough	17	7	6	4	42	32	27
Baxter	17	7	3	7	60	42	24
Langwarrin	16	5	3	8	30	40	18
Brandon Park	17	4	4	9	45	56	16
Casey Comets 2	16	3	2	11	26	59	11
Beaumaris	17	0	2	15	18	124	2

Boys South 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong Thunder	17	14	1	2	56	8	43
East Bentleigh	17	14	1	2	55	18	43
Dandenong City	17	12	0	5	62	42	36
Brighton	17	10	2	5	55	31	32
Peninsula	17	8	3	6	58	32	27
Doveton	16	7	1	8	31	49	22
Beaumaris	17	6	2	9	34	45	20
Sandringham City	17	4	1	12	28	55	13
Berwick City	16	1	3	12	14	48	6
Langwarrin	15	0	0	15	12	77	0

Boys South 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Springvale White Eagles	17	14	3	0	62	12	45
Bayside Knights FC	17	12	2	3	80	17	38
Bentleigh Greens	17	12	1	4	56	26	37
Casey Comets	17	9	3	5	37	24	30
Endeavour Utd	17	9	3	5	39	27	30
Baxter	17	9	0	8	49	35	27
Carrum Utd	17	5	0	12	37	59	15
James Cook FC	17	5	0	12	29	66	15
Brighton	17	2	1	14	22	72	7
Beaumaris	17	1	1	15	21	94	4

Boys South 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens	16	11	3	2	34	10	36
Brighton	15	11	1	3	49	12	34
Hampton Park Utd	14	9	1	4	47	19	28
Endeavour Utd	15	8	2	5	21	26	26
Harrisfield Hurricanes	14	6	4	4	17	18	22
Mornington	14	4	3	7	23	27	15
Noble Park	14	4	2	8	17	32	14
Hampton	15	1	3	11	15	37	6
Sandringham City	15	0	5	10	7	49	5

Boys South 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick City	17	16	0	1	82	20	48
White Star Dandenong	17	14	1	2	72	20	43
East Bentleigh	17	11	1	5	53	35	34
Bentleigh Greens	17	8	2	7	36	37	26
Brighton	17	7	4	6	38	36	25
Seaford Utd	17	7	2	8	42	46	23
Casey Comets	17	6	2	9	38	49	20
Mornington	17	3	4	10	27	41	13
Langwarrin	16	3	2	11	28	48	11
Dandenong City	16	0	0	16	21	105	0

Boys South 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keysborough	17	15	2	0	91	11	47
Bayside Knights FC	17	13	2	2	77	14	41
Hampton	17	9	5	3	44	22	32
Peninsula 2	17	9	5	3	32	13	32
Peninsula 1	17	8	5	4	51	26	29
Brighton	17	6	2	9	51	45	20
Rosebud	17	5	1	11	34	76	16
Baxter	17	4	1	12	26	55	13
East Bentleigh	17	2	3	12	26	58	9
Sandringham City	17	0	2	15	17	129	2

Boys South 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Endeavour Utd	14	12	0	2	53	9	36
Dandenong City	14	11	0	3	35	13	33
Keysborough	14	10	0	4	45	17	30
Bentleigh Greens	14	8	1	5	37	21	25
Doveton	14	7	0	7	22	30	21
East Bentleigh	14	5	1	8	15	40	16
Brighton	15	3	3	9	11	42	12
Beaumaris	15	2	1	12	11	42	7

Boys South 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton 1	15	13	0	2	47	6	39
Springvale White Eagles	15	11	3	1	59	24	36
Peninsula	15	12	0	3	45	13	36
Mornington	15	9	3	3	37	16	30
Carrum Utd	15	6	3	6	29	25	21
Casey Comets	15	4	2	9	29	49	14
Langwarrin	14	3	1	10	29	37	10
Brighton 2	15	2	0	13	16	65	6
Hampton	15	1	0	14	5	61	3

Boys South 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens	17	15	1	1	67	16	46
Hampton Park Utd	17	12	3	2	68	13	39
Lyndale Utd	17	10	1	6	69	34	31
Endeavour Utd	16	10	1	5	39	20	31
Beaumaris	17	10	1	6	33	29	31
Brighton	17	6	2	9	31	33	20
East Bentleigh	17	6	0	11	30	46	18
James Cook FC	16	6	0	10	32	54	18
Peninsula	17	3	1	13	19	55	10
Cardinia United JSoccer Cl	17	1	0	16	3	91	3

Boys South 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens	15	10	2	3	46	20	32
Berwick City	15	8	6	1	38	13	30
Casey Comets	15	9	2	4	34	20	29
Hampton	15	9	2	4	31	23	29
Doveton	15	8	4	3	33	16	28
Beaumaris	15	5	3	7	19	23	18
Sandringham City	16	2	7	7	12	20	13
Brighton	15	1	3	11	11	46	6
Peninsula	15	1	1	13	12	55	4

Boys South 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong Thunder	17	17	0	0	85	10	51
South Springvale	16	13	1	2	64	13	40
Berwick City	17	11	1	5	57	25	34
Hampton Park Utd	17	11	1	5	60	30	34
Beaumaris	17	9	1	7	28	34	28
Mornington	17	8	0	9	40	45	24
Langwarrin	17	4	3	10	18	41	15
East Bentleigh	16	3	1	12	11	55	10
Brighton	17	1	3	13	17	68	6
Bentleigh Greens	17	1	1	15	12	71	4

Boys South 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keysborough	15	11	2	2	34	8	35
Lyndale Utd	15	11	0	4	54	21	33
Seaford Utd	15	10	2	3	29	13	32
Casey Panthers	15	8	1	6	39	28	25
Hampton	15	7	3	5	19	16	24
East Bentleigh	15	4	4	7	27	44	16
Doveton	15	4	3	8	22	30	15
Berwick City	15	1	3	11	8	41	6
Harrisfield Hurricanes	14	1	2	11	8	39	5

Boys South 13 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Carrum Utd	17	16	0	1	51	14	48
Peninsula	17	14	1	2	68	9	43
Sandringham City	17	12	2	3	76	18	38
Casey Comets	16	12	1	3	59	13	37
Beaumaris 1	17	9	1	7	24	29	28
Cardinia United JSoccer C	17	5	1	11	29	46	16
Baxter	16	4	3	9	27	36	15
Rosebud	17	4	1	12	28	42	13
Westernport SC	17	3	0	14	23	63	9
Seaford Utd	17	0	0	17	11	16	0

Boys South 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	17	14	3	0	51	7	45
Springvale White Eagles	17	13	3	1	57	11	42
South Eastern Piranhas	17	11	3	3	36	17	36
Langwarrin	17	8	5	4	45	20	29
Berwick City	17	8	3	6	39	29	27
Beaumaris	17	6	2	9	25	34	20
GSL	17	5	4	8	22	24	19
Bentleigh Greens	17	3	3	11	14	45	12
Mornington	17	2	2	13	13	51	8
Southern Stars	17	1	0	16	5	69	3

Boys South 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	15	11	4	0	56	12	37
Brighton	15	10	2	3	65	16	32
Dandenong City	15	8	6	1	45	13	30
Doveton	15	5	6	4	27	23	21
Brandon Park	14	6	2	6	37	27	20
Endeavour Utd	14	4	4	6	30	35	16
Hampton Park Utd	16	4	2	10	27	44	14
Mornington	15	4	2	9	18	46	14
Peninsula	15	1	0	14	5	94	3

Boys South 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
East Bentleigh	15	15	0	0	84	5	45
Casey Comets	15	11	1	3	41	17	34
Brighton 1	16	9	2	5	33	24	29
Berwick City	15	8	2	5	23	17	26
Aspendale	15	5	2	8	36	35	17
Brighton 2	15	4	2	9	19	34	14
Hampton	15	3	4	8	17	27	13
Sandringham City	15	4	1	10	9	43	13
Beaumaris	15	1	2	12	4	64	5

Boys South 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Carrum Utd	17	14	1	2	72	15	43
East Bentleigh	17	13	2	2	54	15	41
Langwarrin	17	11	0	6	69	17	33
Baxter	17	9	5	3	30	20	32
Dandenong City	17	9	2	6	30	32	29
Berwick City	17	8	3	6	28	22	27
Brighton	17	4	3	10	19	45	15
Beaumaris	17	3	1	13	13	57	10
Aspendale	17	2	2	13	14	57	8
Peninsula	17	1	3	13	9	58	6

Boys South 12 E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
White Star Dandenong	15	15	0	0	117	10	45
Bayside Argonauts	14	9	2	3	36	18	29
Keysborough	15	8	3	4	33	27	27
Lyndale Utd	15	7	3	5	41	40	24
Bayside Knights FC	14	6	3	5	24	30	21
Kingston City	15	3	5	7	17	24	14
Casey Panthers	15	3	4	8	17	55	13
Casey Comets	15	3	3	9	16	51	12
Westernport SC	16	0	3	13	9	55	3

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	17	16	1	0	78	3	49
Peninsula	17	12	3	2	72	9	39
South Eastern Piranhas	17	10	3	4	43	15	33
Hampton	17	10	2	5	51	9	32
Berwick City	17	9	5	3	51	19	32
Brighton	17	10	2	5	49	19	32
Mornington	17	8	3	6	28	24	27
Dandenong Thunder	17	6	0	11	22	40	18
Casey Comets	16	5	0	11	15	51	15
Aspendale	17	2	2	13	15	61	8
Beaumaris	16	2	1	13	12	69	7
Langwarrin	17	0	0	17	31	20	0

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	15	13	2	0	46	6	41
Hampton	15	13	1	1	44	8	40
Heatherton Utd	15	9	3	3	25	16	30
Peninsula	15	7	2	6	21	17	23
Sandringham City	15	6	3	6	19	22	21
Mornington	15	4	1	10	22	30	13
Langwarrin	15	3	2	10	16	28	11
Bentleigh Greens	15	3	1	11	21	39	10
Endeavour Utd	14	1	1	12	7	55	4

Boys South 11 Joeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens	16	14	1	1	70	6	43
Doveton	15	12	2	1	73	16	38
Hampton Park Utd	15	10	1	4	75	21	31
Mornington	15	9	0	6	34	17	27
East Bentleigh	15	8	0	7	43	23	24
Springvale White Eagles	15	6	0	9	28	37	18
Baxter	15	4	0	11	15	51	12
Brighton	15	3	0	12	19	51	9
Bye	0				0	0	0
Rosebud	15	0	0	15	31	38	0

Boys South 11 Joeys Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	15	15	0	0	89	3	45
Berwick City	15	13	0	2	71	13	39
Hampton	15	11	0	4	46	19	33
Aspendale	15	6	1	8	47	57	19
Mornington	15	6	1	8	38	54	19
Carrum Utd	14	5	2	7	24	29	17
Seaford Utd	15	2	4	9	32	46	10
Peninsula	15	3	1	11	26	72	10
Beaumaris	15	1	1	13	15	95	4

Boys South 11 Joeys Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong City	17	17	0	0	110	11	51
Brighton 2	17	12	2	3	60	18	38
Doveton	17	12	2	3	44	24	38
Berwick City	17	9	3	5	49	31	30
East Bentleigh	17	8	2	7	30	40	26
James Cook FC	17	6	3	8	23	44	21
Peninsula	17	4	2	11	19	58	14
Beaumaris	16	3	1	12	16	46	10
Brighton 1	17	2	2	13	22	61	8
Sandringham City	16	2	1	13	13	53	7

Boys 18 East Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Manningham	17	13	1	3	82	22	40
North Caulfield	17	12	3	2	72	28	39
Heidelberg Stars	17	11	2	4	68	27	35
Whitehorse Utd	17	11	0	6	86	36	33
Riversdale	17	10	1	6	65	30	31
Nunawading City	17	7	3	7	41	35	24
Northcote City	17	8	0	9	46	42	24
Sherbrooke Rangers	17	4	2	11	59	67	14
Brighton	17	2	1	14	29	83	7
Beaumaris	17	0	1	16	13	191	1

Boys 18 East Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Glen Waverley	17	14	3	0	81	18	45
Oakleigh	16	11	2	3	59	24	35
Boronia	15	9	2	4	47	23	29
Eastern Lions	17	8	4	5	57	30	28
Doncaster Rovers	17	7	4	6	42	34	25
Ashburton	17	6	5	6	42	39	23
East Bentleigh	17	7	2	8	32	34	23
Mooroolbark	15	3	2	10	14	38	11
Knox City	16	2	2	12	15	37	8
Waverley Victory FC	17	2	0	15	20	132	6

Boys South East 13 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox City	15	14	1	0	75	9	43
Ringwood City	15	11	1	3	27	18	34
Hampton Park Utd	16	8	4	4	26	18	28
Croydon City Arrows	15	7	1	7	28	25	22
Doncaster Rovers	15	5	4	6	15	17	19
Brighton	15	4	3	8	24	45	15
Ashburton	15	3	5	7	20	37	14
Glen Waverley	15	3	3	9	19	32	12
Sandringham City	15	1	2	12	15	48	5

Boys East 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	15	12	1	2	43	12	37
Doncaster Rovers	15	8	4	3	47	14	28
Eastern Lions	15	6	4	5	25	18	22
Manningham	15	6	2	7	27	34	20
Riversdale	15	5	1	9	12	27	16
Oakleigh	15	3	4	8	19	34	13
Richmond	14	3	2	9	13	47	11

Boys East 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	15	12	2	1	45	15	38
Caulfield United Cobras	15	11	3	1	43	13	36
Port Melbourne	15	7	2	6	32	30	23
North Caulfield	15	7	1	7	30	36	22
Whitehorse Utd	15	6	1	8	29	22	19
Brandon Park	15	5	2	8	18	24	17
Ashburton	16	5	2	9	18	28	17
Richmond	15	4	0	11	23	45	12
Boroondara Eagles	15	3	3	9	17	42	12

Boys East 16 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Boronia	16	15	1	0	70	15	46
Sherbrooke Rangers	17	9	4	4	66	30	31
Ringwood City	16	9	4	3	33	24	31
Glen Waverley	16	7	2	7	46	38	23
Manningham	16	6	4	6	42	34	22
East Bentleigh	16	4	3	9	21	43	15
Ashburton	17	3	0	14	13	69	9
Mooroolbark	16	2	2	12	20	58	8

Boys East 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	17	12	4	1	57	13	40
Malvern City	17	11	3	3	42	16	36
Doncaster Rovers	17	10	4	3	36	11	34
North Caulfield	17	11	1	5	35	19	34
Whitehorse Utd	17	8	4	5	35	23	28
FC Bulleen Lions	17	5	4	8	29	34	19
Glen Waverley	17	5	4	8	35	41	19
Ringwood City	17	3	2	12	26	52	11
Manningham	17	3	2	12	22	65	11
Casey Comets	17	3	0	14	24	67	9

Boys East 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Phoenix	15	14	1	0	91	10	43
Riversdale	15	12	2	1	83	13	38
Richmond	15	9	2	4	40	22	29
Doncaster Rovers	15	9	2	4	31	30	29
Whitehorse Utd	16	6	3	7	35	40	21
Waverley Wanderers	14	3	2	9	23	54	11
Eastern Lions	13	3	0	10	15	52	9
Knox City	14	2	0	12	15	49	6
Glen Waverley	15	2	0	13	8	71	6

Boys East 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North Caulfield	15	14	0	1	51	14	42
Richmond	15	13	0	2	62	10	39
Nunawading City	15	13	0	2	47	10	39
Croydon City Arrows	15	9	1	5	45	30	28
Ringwood City	14	6	0	8	34	27	18
Boroondara Eagles	15	4	1	10	29	46	13
Riversdale	15	4	0	11	31	45	12
Mooroolbark	14	2	1	11	24	59	7
Glen Eira	16	0	1	15	2	84	1

Boys East 15 D

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Diamond Valley Utd	14	2	2	10	19	46	8
Moreland Utd	14	2	2	10	13	52	8
Northcote City	15	1	2	12	17	49	5

Boys North 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoora Utd	17	14	2	1	60	23	44
Light Utd	17	12	1	4	77	26	37
DOC United FC	17	10	3	4	42	20	33
Heidelberg Stars	16	10	2	4	57	21	32
Brunswick City	17	7	5	5	45	34	26
Epping City	17	6	3	8	36	39	21
Carlton Youth	16	6	2	8	40	34	20
Whittlesea Stallions	17	3	2	12	19	47	11
Watsonia Heights	17	2	4	11	38	34	10
Sunbury Utd	17	1	2	14	12148		5

Boys North 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	16	13	3	0	59	8	42
Preston Lions	17	9	6	2	49	17	33
Greenvale Utd	17	7	7	3	26	15	28
Brunswick Zebras	17	8	1	8	30	28	25
Essendon Royals	17	7	3	7	29	31	24
Hume Utd	18	6	5	7	27	29	23
Light Utd	16	5	7	4	25	21	22
Bundoora Utd	17	4	7	6	27	24	19
Moreland City	17	3	3	11	16	28	12
Sunbury Utd	18	2	0	16	8	95	6

Boys North 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC City Central	14	11	1	2	100	12	34
Meadow Park	15	10	2	3	59	18	32
Clifton Hill	14	10	1	3	61	21	31
Fawkner	15	8	2	5	49	25	26
Bundoora Utd	14	7	2	5	39	22	23
Northcote City	14	4	2	8	24	46	14
North City Lions	14	3	2	9	31	60	11
Eltham North	14	2	0	12	13	81	6
Watsonia Heights	8	0	0	8	5	96	0

Boys North 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarra Jets	17	15	1	1	74	11	46
DOC United FC	17	13	0	4	84	20	39
Lalor Utd	17	11	1	5	42	23	34
Heidelberg Utd	17	9	0	8	43	42	27
Brunswick Zebras	17	7	1	9	33	42	22
Moreland Wolves	17	4	1	12	26	75	13
Cairnlea	17	4	0	13	23	59	12
Banyule City	17	3	0	14	18	71	9

Boys North 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Light Utd	17	15	1	1	92	13	46
Brunswick City	17	11	3	3	47	13	36
Preston Lions	16	8	4	4	36	24	28
Brunswick Zebras	17	8	3	6	36	22	27
Essendon Royals	17	7	5	5	34	31	26
Fawkner	17	7	4	6	34	28	25
Diamond Valley Utd	17	6	3	8	29	37	21
Hume Utd	17	3	5	9	23	36	14
Moreland City	17	3	4	10	21	52	13
Epping City	16	0	0	16	4100		0

Boys North 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heidelberg Stars	15	13	2	0	60	16	41
Clifton Hill	15	13	0	2	46	15	39
Bundoora Utd	15	7	4	4	35	23	25
Yarra Jets	15	7	3	5	38	24	24
Banyule City	15	7	1	7	32	29	22
Brunswick City	15	3	3	9	30	49	12
Whittlesea Stallions	15	3	3	9	21	53	12
Alphington	16	3	2	11	23	53	11
Eltham North	15	2	2	11	19	42	8

Boys North 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	17	12	1	4	53	21	37
Diamond Valley Utd	17	11	3	3	56	22	36
DOC United FC	17	10	4	3	59	33	34
Moreland Utd	17	9	2	6	49	24	29
Essendon Utd	17	7	6	4	39	31	27
Sunbury Utd	17	5	0	12	39	52	15
Brunswick Zebras	17	3	3	11	27	46	12
FC City Central	17	1	1	15	9102		4

Boys North 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland City	15	13	1	1	53	10	40
Greenvale Utd	15	12	1	2	47	8	37
Moreland Utd	15	10	0	5	44	22	30
Northcote City	15	8	1	6	22	17	25
Bundoora Utd	15	6	2	7	27	24	20
Brunswick Zebras	15	5	2	8	20	42	17
Light Utd	15	3	3	9	14	39	12
Essendon Royals	16	1	5	10	16	49	8
Preston Lions	15	1	3	11	16	48	6

Boys North 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Diamond Valley Utd	16	13	1	2	46	12	40
Essendon Royals	17	11	4	2	44	17	37
Lalor	17	7	4	6	41	35	25
Heidelberg Utd	17	6	6	5	33	28	24
North Lions	16	7	3	6	24	22	24
Moreland Wolves	17	6	4	7	27	31	22
Moreland City	17	5	6	6	21	29	21
Plenty Valley Lions	17	4	5	8	32	42	17
Eltham North	17	3	6	8	24	36	15
Alphington	17	2	1	14	20	60	7

Boys North 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick Zebras	14	11	1	2	66	18	34
Pascoe Vale	14	9	2	3	43	21	29
Yarra Jets	14	9	1	4	49	21	28
North City Lions	15	9	1	5	36	31	28
Melbourne Phoenix	14	4	3	7	23	37	15
Bundoora Utd	15	2	5	8	10	33	11
Heidelberg Stars	14	2	3	9	10	47	9
Watsonia Heights	14	2	2	10	8	37	8

Boys North 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Royals	17	17	0	0	88	5	51
St. Albans	17	11	2	4	44	23	35
Whittlesea Stallions	17	9	4	4	43	34	31
Brunswick Zebras	17	8	4	5	49	24	28
Bundoora Utd	17	8	2	7	32	43	26
Sunbury Utd	17	8	1	8	33	37	25
Fawkner	17	6	3	8	30	33	21
Lalor Utd	17	4	1	12	22	54	13
North City Lions	17	3	2	12	11	38	11
Alphington	17	1	1	15	12	73	4

Boys North 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Light Utd	17	12	4	1	60	12	40
Heidelberg Utd	17	12	4	1	58	13	40
Northcote City	17	12	1	4	62	21	37
Essendon Royals	17	11	3	3	48	11	36
Brunswick City	17	8	3	6	35	23	27
Epping City	17	7	3	7	36	33	24
Eltham North	16	4	3	9	17	39	15
Plenty Valley Lions	17	4	1	12	23	32	13
Moreland Wolves	17	3	0	14	19	60	9
Meadow Park	16	0	0	16	3117		0

Boys North 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland Utd	17	17	0	0	70	5	51
Fawkner	17	13	0	4	56	11	39
Hume Utd	16	11	1	4	54	15	34
Moreland City	17	9	1	7	32	20	28
Diamond Valley Utd	17	8	2	7	44	23	26
Clifton Hill	17	7	2	8	23	28	23
Brunswick Zebras	17	6	2	9	31	31	20
Mitchell Rangers	16	4	1	11	23	64	13
Bundoora Utd	17	3	3	11	17	47	12
Watsonia Heights	17	0	0	17	11117		0

Boys North 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
DOC United FC	17	14	2	1	75	14	44
Pascoe Vale	17	13	2	2	76	18	41
Yarra Jets FC 1	17	12	2	3	79	25	38
Yarra Jets FC 2	17	9	1	7	41	33	28
Brunswick Zebras	17	5	4	8	25	26	19
Banyule City	17	4	4	9	21	37	16
Broadmeadows Utd	17	2	1	14	10	81	4
Sunshine Georgies	17	0	2	15	9102		2

Boys North 11 Kangaroos Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Light Utd	16	16	0	0	62	6	48
Bundoora Utd	16	10	2	4	42	22	32
Brunswick City	16	8	2	6	32	27	26
Watsonia Heights	16	7	4	5	29	18	25
Epping City	16	8	0	8	29	28	24
Hume Utd	16	5	0	11	18	40	15
Whittlesea Stallions	16	3	1	12	20	49	10
Northcote City	16	2	1	13	13	55	7

Boys North 11 Kangaroos Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick Zebras	17	13	3	1	70	15	42
FC Birrarung	17	13	2	2	99	14	41
Essendon Royals	17	13	0	4	65	23	39
Preston Lions	17	12	2	3	70	13	38
Moreland City	17	11	1	5	42	17	34
Lalor Utd	16	5	2	9	41	54	17
Eltham North	17	4	3	10	29	57	15
Heidelberg Utd	17	4	1	12	19	62	13
North City Lions	16	0	3	13	11	81	3
Alphington	17	0	1	16	4114		1

Boys North 11 Joeys Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	16	13	2	1	46	10	41
Epping City	17	11	3	3	56	20	36
Brunswick Zebras	17	10	3	4	39	12	33
Heidelberg Stars	17	10	2	5	42	20	32
Whittlesea Stallions	17	10	1	6	43	26	31
Lalor	17	6	6	5	26	18	24
Diamond Valley Utd	17	5	3	9	21	34	18
Eltham North	17	4	2	11	12	23	14
Plenty Valley Lions	17	3	1	13	8	47	10
Moreland City	16	0	1	15	6	89	1

Boys North 11 Joeys Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Pascoe Vale	14	13	0	1	79	6	39
Fawkner	15	11	0	4	64	13	33
Epping City	16	10	2	4	39	30	32
DOC United FC	14	7	2	5	23	17	23
Bundoora Utd	15	7	2	6	16	28	23
Clifton Hill	15	7	1	7	33	29	22
Mitchell Rangers	15	3	2	10	13	52	11
Sunbury Utd	15	2	1	12	16	53	7
Yarra Jets	15	2	0	13	11	66	6

Boys West 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
GRFA	15	11	2	2	57	10	35
Werribee City	16	10	3	3	35	21	33
Williamstown	15	9	4	2	43	18	31
Geelong	15	8	1	6	34	28	25
Brimbank City	14	6	4	4	39	34	22
Keilor Wolves	14	6	3	5	38	26	21
Hoppers Crossing	15	3	3	9	25	37	12
Keilor Park	15	3	2	10	17	47	11
Altona City	15	0	0	15	16	83	0

Boys West 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brimbank Stallions	14	11	2	1	76	9	35
Werribee City	15	10	1	4	91	25	31
Westgate	14	9	2	3	53	15	29
Yarraville	15	9	1	5	64	23	28
Hoppers Crossing	15	5	1	9	23	68	16
Satellite City Utd	13	2	1	10	16	72	7
Bacchus Marsh JSC	14	0	0	14	8119		0

Boys West 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North Geelong Warriors	15	8	5	2	38	8	29
GRFA	15	7	5	3	25	13	26
Sydenham Park	15	7	4	4	23	10	25
Werribee City	15	7	3	5	33	23	24
Sunshine Georgies	15	6	5	4	35	16	23
Sunshine Heights	15	6	3	6	26	23	21
Green Gully	15	5	5	5	21	13	20
Keilor Park	16	5	2	9	18	29	17
Melton	15	1	0	14	7	91	3

Boys West 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona East	15	11	3	1	76	16	36
Western Eagles	15	10	3	2	53	12	33
St. Albans	15	10	1	4	40	18	31
AVA Seagulls	15	9	2	4	51	20	29
Gisborne	14	6	2	6	36	21	20
Yarraville	15	6	0	9	22	48	18
Williamstown	15	5	2	8	24	29	17
Avondale Heights	15	3	1	11	18	60	10
Melton	15	0	0	15	8104		0

Boys West 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
BASL	17	12	3	2	62	22	39
GRFA	17	12	2	3	45	17	38
Green Gully	16	10	4	2	40	18	34
Altona City	17	8	4	5	37	33	28
Geelong	17	7	2	8	25	33	23
Brimbank Stallions	17	5	5	7	23	24	20
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	16	5	4	7	25	41	19
Sunshine Georgies	17	4	2	11	23	36	14
Williamstown	17	3	5	9	25	43	14
Laverton Park	17	1	3	13	12	50	6

Boys West 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brimbank City	17	15	0	2	82	12	45
Keilor Park	17	14	1	2	50	11	43
Werribee City	17	8	4	5	31	31	28
Maribyrnong Greens	17	7	5	5	40	35	26
Avondale Heights	17	7	1	9	33	30	22
Sunshine Georgies	17	4	3	10	21	33	15
Sydenham Park	17	2	2	13	17	60	8
Hoppers Crossing	17	2	2	13	25	87	8

Boys West 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	16	14	1	1	66	13	43
Melbourne Lions	16	11	4	1	57	18	37
Williamstown	17	10	1	6	57	37	31
Werribee City	16	7	3	6	32	27	24
Flemington Eagles	17	6	2	9	22	45	20
Mitchell Rangers	15	4	2	9	31	39	14
Bacchus Marsh JSC	16	4	1	11	19	43	13
Spring Hills	17	2	0	15	21	83	6

Boys West 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona Magic	15	12	1	2	47	15	37
Cairnlea	15	11	2	2	39	9	35
Altona City	14	8	3	3	26	16	27
Green Gully	14	8	2	4	33	16	26
Brimbank Stallions	15	5	2	8	29	29	17
St. Albans	15	5	1	9	21	31	16
Williamstown	15	5	1	9	22	38	16
Sydenham Park	14	4	2	8	20	32	14
Keilor Park	15	1	0	14	11	62	3

Boys West 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sunshine Heights	17	14	2	1	65	7	44
South Yarra	17	14	2	1	55	10	44
Brimbank Stallions	17	11	3	3	30	12	36
Wyndham Olympic	16	10	0	6	42	24	27
Keilor Wolves	16	7	3	6	49	33	24
Cairnlea	17	7	1	9	23	30	22
Laverton Park	17	3	4	10	18	39	13
Williamstown	17	4	0	13	15	48	12
Flemington Eagles	15	2	2	11	13	60	8
Altona City	17	2	1	14	12	59	7

Boys West 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Upfield	13	10	1	2	58	10	31
Bell Park	15	10	1	4	34	25	31
Avondale Heights	14	9	2	3	28	11	29
Melton	14	6	1	7	23	25	19
Gisborne	14	5	0	9	23	39	15
Western Eagles	15	4	2	9	17	43	14
Hoppers Crossing	13	0	3	10	11	41	3

Boys West 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Knights	17	12	4	1	62	13	40
Green Gully	16	12	2	2	45	13	38
South Yarra	17	10	4	3	56	16	34
Altona City	17	10	2	5	40	12	32
Keilor Park	17	8	5	4	33	12	29
Hoppers Crossing	17	8	4	5	32	21	28
Brimbank Stallions	17	5	0	12	22	44	15
Brimbank City	16	5	0	11	15	44	15
Sunshine Georgies	17	2	1	14	16	68	7
Williamstown	17	1	0	16	7	85	3

Boys West 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully	16	16	0	0	67	2	48
Werribee City	17	14	1	2	82	9	43
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	16	11	0	5	64	15	33
Maribyrnong Greens	17	10	2	5	53	20	32
Altona City	17	8	3	6	37	27	27
Keilor Park	17	7	3	7	28	55	24
Altona East	17	6	2	9	34	48	20
South Yarra	17	2	2	13	8	57	8
Brimbank Stallions	17	2	1	14	16	79	7
Sydenham Park	17	0	2	15	11	88	2

Boys West 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
GRFA	15	15	0	0	174	3	45
Yarraville	15	13	0	2	144	11	39
Laverton Park	15	12	0	3	69	16	36
Cairnlea	15	10	1	4	92	24	31
Spring Hills	14	8	1	5	44	49	25
Westvale	16	6	1	9	22	63	19
Avondale Heights	15	5	1	9	27	55	16
Werribee City	16	4	2	10	23	82	14
Hoppers Crossing	15	2	3	10	16	65	9
Point Cook FC	16	2	1	13	15153		7
Bacchus Marsh JSC	14	1	0	13	11116		3

Boys West 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona City	16	13	2	1	56	7	41
North Geelong Warriors	17	13	2	2	52	20	41
Melbourne Knights	17	12	3	2	49	11	39
Green Gully	16	12	1	3	51	22	37
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	17	8	1	8	37	35	25
Brimbank Stallions	16	7	1	8	29	29	22
St. Albans	16	4	3	9	29	36	15
Sunshine Georgies	16	2	2	12	11	47	8
Hoppers Crossing	16	2	0	14	5	58	6
Bell Park	17	1	1	15	13	67	4

Boys West 11 Kangaroos Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Royals	17	13	3	1	72	10	42
Green Gully	16	13	3	0	70	9	42
Keilor Park	16	11	2	3	48	12	35
Fawkner	16	11	1	4	32	14	34
South Yarra	16	8	2	6	37	22	26
Hume City	17	6	3	8	34	38	21
Avondale Heights	17	6	2	9	40	32	20
Yarra Jets	16	3	1	12	14	72	10
Greenvale Utd	17	2	1	14	18	77	7
Moreland Wolves	16	0	0	16	3	82	0

Boys West 11 Joeys Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona City	17	15	2	0	84	8	47
Meadow Park	17	12	3	2	49	11	39
Keilor Park	17	8	6	3	43	13	30
Gisborne	17	8	5	4	42	13	29
Cairnlea	17	8	2	7	42	20	26
Melton	17	7	5	5	38	20	26
Laverton Park	17	6	2	9	28	28	20
South Yarra	17	4	1	12	20	52	13
Hoppers Crossing	17	3	1	13	10101		10
Point Cook FC	17	0	1	16	3	93	1

Boys West 11 Joeys Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sydenham Park	17	13	2	2	51	19	41
Keilor Park	17	12	3	2	37	10	39
Sunshine Heights	17	11	3	3	48	14	36
Yarraville	16	6	3	7	24	23	21
Williamstown	17	5	4	8	38	48	19
Essendon Royals	17	4	1	12	17	45	13
Melbourne Lions	16	3	3	10	14	39	12
Spring Hills	17	3	1	13	19	50	10

Girls North West 18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Diamond Valley Utd	17	15	1	1	70	11	46
Keilor Park	16	10	5	1	58	8	35
Brunswick Zebras	17	10	3	4	76	17	33
Keilor Wolves	17	9	2	6	35	17	29
Preston Lions	16	7	2	7	41	31	23
Brunswick City	17	4	2	11	15	55	14
Pascoe Vale	17	4	0	13	30	59	12
Gisborne	17	0	1	16	5132		1

Girls South East 18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Boroondara Eagles 2	17	15	1	1	77	11	46
Boroondara Eagles 1	17	13	2	2	91	15	41
Langwarrin	16	13	1	2	70	20	40
Whitehorse Utd	17	10	1	6	68	35	31
East Bentleigh	16	10	1	5	58	26	31
Doncaster Rovers	17	5	1	11	34	49	16
Sherbrooke Rangers	17	5	1	11	27	58	16
Mooroolbark	17	5	0	12	30	92	15
Endeavour Utd	17	2	0	15	12	84	6
Boronia	17	2	0	15	10	87	6

Girls Metro 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoora Utd	15	14	0	1	97	12	42
Doncaster Rovers	15	14	0	1	83	12	42
Brighton	15	12	0	3	69	20	36
GRFA	14	6	2	6	40	34	20
Richmond	15	6	1	8	65	31	19
Casey Comets	15	5	2	8	38	41	17
Eltham North	15	4	3	8	27	39	15
Meadow Park	15	1	0	14	13127		3
Heatherton Utd	15	1	0	14	11127		3

Girls Metro 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	15	9	5	1	43	19	32
Hampton Park Utd	15	9	5	1	25	8	32
Baxter	14	7	5	2	26	14	26
Brunswick Zebras	14	5	6	3	24	15	21
East Bentleigh	14	5	3	6	18	20	18
Carrum Utd	15	3	6	6	17	26	15
Glen Waverley	16	4	3	9	17	35	15
Watsonia Heights	15	2	6	7	24	32	12
Peninsula	14	0	5	9	7	32	5

Girls N/W 16 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brimbank Stallions	16	15	0	1	98	14	45
Greenvale Utd	17	14	2	1	57	10	44
Sunbury Utd	17	9	3	5	32	20	30
Epping City	16	9	1	6	28	24	28
Bundoora Utd	17	7	2	8	27	26	23
Hoppers Crossing	16	7	2	7	26	35	23
Sydenham Park	17	7	2	8	17	27	23
Brunswick Zebras	16	4	1	11	22	40	13
Altona East	17	3	3	11	10	50	12
Bacchus Marsh JSC	17	0	0	17	2	73	0

Girls S/E 16 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	17	15	2	0	65	6	47
Brighton	17	14	1	2

BOO'S WORLD

With Mark Boric

Poor season, championship, poor season, championship. You know who I'm talking about. And this cycle means this season will be a poor one for Melbourne Victory. Still, there is always next season's title to look forward to.

Another team which is a shadow of their former selves is Adelaide United. It looks like all they have to look forward to this year will be the odd goal from Lloyd Owusu and the zany celebrations that will follow.

From the BBC's Saturday Football As It Happened text update service: "1731: Sources from White Hart Lane report that Roman Pavlyuchenko was seen sprinting away from the ground a mere couple of minutes after full-time against Birmingham, flanked by two men in suits on mobile phones, the Russian jumping into a car and speeding away from the ground with haste. Is he rushing to broker a move away from Tottenham?" Okay, I understand he may be trying to beat the closing of the transfer window, but not showering after a game is just plain wrong.

Socceroo Vinnie Grella was the victim of a home invasion gang in England during the week, held at knifepoint and forced to hand over jewellery and watches before they fled in his BMW four-wheel-drive. Before he thinks it may be safer back home, however, he should be informed about the firebug operating in the South Springvale area recently.

No need for the Shane Rexhepi Football Focus this week, the full interview finally appearing in last week's issue. It took a while but we got there. Players should be aware that I don't have that much say over who appears in Football Focus (that should be obvious) so please ease-up with the begging emails.

Eduardo the Arsenal diver was roundly booed by fans at Old Trafford on Saturday. It seems they dissaprove of cheating now they no longer have Cristiano Ronaldo doing it for them.

Gold Coast United owner Clive Palmer is featured on Channel Nine's Sixty Minutes this week. I wonder if the true story of how he came into his money will be revealed i.e. his appearance as the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man in the 1984 classic movie Ghostbusters.

Clive makes the transfer from Tinsel Town to GUFC

WARRIORS CROWNED CHAMPIONS

Brunswick City 0
North Geelong 5

A magnificent day for the North Geelong Warriors was capped off with some favourable results which meant they were the champion team of 2009 in State League 2 NW with a game to spare.

An emphatic 5-0 win coupled with Thomastown's loss away to Ballarat mean that they cannot be caught at the top of the table. With Brunswick fielding a very inexperienced team the home team had little trouble taking all three points even though they looked apprehensive initially.

North Geelong took a while to get settled but created some good chances as the half wore on through Cervinski (14') and Demo who put his shot over the bar as Zadworny crossed low from the right in the 22'. Brunswick's youthfulness and exuberance was treated with caution by the home team as it appeared the lacked the intensity required to bulldoze their opponents.

That was untill the 34' when Demo and Cicchitti contested a long ball over the top of the defence. The 18 year old Demo outmuscled Cicchitti as he marched goalwards. His first attempt on goal was well saved by Giannes but the ball fell clear again and Demo made no mistake on his second attempt. A minute later another long ball saw Zadworny who was clearly offside pounce on to the loose ball and comfortably beat Giannes in a one on one situation. The protests by the Brunswick players fell on deaf ears as referee Robert Josifoski declined to overrule the mistake made by his assistant.

Matthew Demo who by this stage was full of confidence went on the rampage as he created havoc for the Brunswick defence. In fact his shot, after a quick break, only narrowly missed the target that could have given him his second. Brunswick's best chance of the game came in the 42' after a good combination between Cicchitti and Karas saw the later take a shot from the edge of the 18 yard box. The shot beat Zilic easily but hit the post and rebounded out to keep the score line at 2-0 at the main break.

The second half saw the Warriors go for the jugular and Chris Tabak made his intention clear in the 46' when he drove a long range shot at goal only to Giannes block the shot. Demo and Zadworny combined well up front and when the speedster, Zadworny, turned Vouloumanos inside out and unleashed a low cross in the 65', Demo was there but shot just wide.

A minute later Demo again was denied by Giannes in a one on one situation which saw the young Brunswick custodian get down low well. In the 69' veteran striker Adrian Cervinski made it 3-0 when he headed home Tabak's cross in what was poor defending and marking in the penalty area by Brunswick's defence. Brunswick's confidence was shot and the miscommunication between Giannes and Garisto in the 76' saw the ball spill out into the path of Demo who final scored his brace.

The final blow was inflicted upon the visitors when Kuna hit an innocuous shot towards goal which caught Giannes unsighted and ended up in the back of the net. The final whistle could not come soon enough for the young Brunswick boys who although battled valiantly perhaps learnt the valuable lesson that a lot more work is needed if they are to be competent at this level. My congratulations to Brunswick coach, Tony Ciantar, for having the courage of his convictions and putting this young side out on the park with the view of Brunswick's future as the overall big picture.

In contrast to the visitors the home team celebrated passionately in the dour rain which prevailed after the final whistle.To Vinko Buljubasic and the North Geelong team congratulations on a fine season but they too will need to make some major improvements if they are to survive in State League One next year.

Goalscorers: Demo 34' and 76', Zadworny 35', Cervinski 69', Kuna 89' (North Geelong)

Best: Karas, J.Vouloumanos, G.Danos, Squillacioti (Brunswick)
Demo, Cervinski, Tabak, Gavran (North Geelong)

Line ups:
Brunswick City: (Ciantar) Giannes, G.Danos A.Garisto, J.Vouloumanos, J.Danos, Squillacioti , Cicchitti (Rathjen 67') , Tsalkos , Ridis (Papageorgiou 68'), Karas, Fulgaro (Anastasiou 65'),

North Geelong: (Buljubasic) Zilic, Saric, Arthey, Davey, Gavran, Patti, Trupkovic, Cervinski, Zadworny (Kuna 57'), C.Tabak (A, Tabak 78') , Demo

Reserves: The Brunswick City reserve team won 6-1 (Stafrace 2, Defeo 2, Gonullu, Nikolakos)

By Loui Simopoulos

State League NW 2

KNOX SECURE SAFETY

Knox City 3
Morwell Pegasus 0
(Half-time 2-0)

It was a case of safe at last for Knox City as they finally confirmed that they will be playing in Division 2 next year with their most emphatic win of the season. It was also the first time this year they had scored more than two goals.

Starting the day four points clear of South Springvale and goal difference in front of Casey Comets, a win was the best way that Knox could forget about the possibility of being in Division Three for the first time since 1977.

A third minute goal gave Knox the best possible start and the lead was doubled in the 37th minute. However 2-0 is notoriously the worst lead to defend and news at half-time that South Springvale were also 2-0 up in their clash with Eastern Lions did little to ease the nerves of those who had braved a miserable day to watch this enthralling match.

For once this year, Knox did not disappoint and Josh Valdon's second in the 75th minute lifted a weight off everyone's shoulders.

In the very first attack of the match, Knox forced a corner. Andy Hughes cross to the far post proved difficult for the Morwell keeper Michael Bonnefin, who could only get the slightest of touches on the ball and it fell invitingly to Valadon who stabbed the ball home from close range.

Bonnefin was in action the very next minute as he saved at full length from Sebastian Barrero.

Morwell then started to exert significant pressure and Knox was forced on to the defensive as the visitors mounted attack after attack. Clayton Bell was, as usual, their driving force in midfield and his prompting and astute passing caused many dangerous attacks.

Mark Jorgensen had to come out quickly to smother at the feet of former Knox player, Miles Tidd before Anthony Edgar appeared to have handled inside the penalty area but the referee waved play on.

Knox was finding it hard to break the shackles but Nick Veljovic went close with an angled drive before the crucial second goal arrived.

Nick Giannopoulos made good headway on the left before the ball was transferred to the other flank where Barrero cut inside his man and laid the ball into the path of Daniel Veljovic who made no mistake form 10 metres.

The start of the second half saw Morwell throw an extra man up front and they continued to pressure the Knox goal. Frank Albanese was close with a header and then the Knox defence scrambled the ball for a corner after Korkaric threatened.

Weathering the storm, Knox started to exert itself again and Daniel Veljovic forced Bonnefin into a full length save.

At this stage, word came through that Eastern Lions had turned the two goal deficit into a 3-2 lead and all looked safe. More so, when Valadon scored his second after being set up by Barrero. The ball appeared to squirm through the grasp of Bonnefin, but by this stage, Morwell was a beaten side.

Valadon almost completed a hat trick but his narrow miss had little bearing on the result. Even South Springvale getting back to level terms with Eastern Lions mattered little as Knox celebrated in style.

Knox City Reserves beat Morwell Pegasus 2-1 in the opening match. Whether this was a hangover from winning the championship last week or not, this was not one of Knox's better performances and it took a late goal from Edin Becirovic to finally overcome a plucky opponent.

Knox City: M. Jorgensen, A. Jackson, A. Edgar, N. Giannopoulos, S. Barrrero, A. Hughes, C. Kerr, Z. Martinez, N. Veljovic, D. Veljovic (M. Hoogendyk – 77th), J. Valadon. Subs not used: J. Woods, A. Asimakidis.

Morwell Falcons: M. Bonnefin, P. Kirby, O. Kelly (F. Korkaric – 46th), J. Buhagiar. D. Cairnes, P. Byrne, H. Ross-Schultz (J. Augiello – 84th), C. Bell, F. Albanese (C. Cairnes – 81st), M. Tidd, L. Humphries. Sub not used: J. Kosakiewicz.

By Bruce Darnell

State League Division 2 SE

FINAL VPL SPOT PENDING

With one game remaining for 2009, at last it is official; Northcote City have won promotion to the VPL, astoundingly just one year after winning State League Two (South-East). City achieved the feat after a convincing 2-0 win over the second-placed Bentleigh Greens at Kingston Heath yesterday.

Eduardo Soares broke the deadlock for Northcote midway through the first half after some tense stages for both sides early on. Both sides fought hard after the break, yet City found themselves with the better of the chances. They were able to capitalise on these chances, causing the Greens to score an own goal which effectively sealed the result; and the championship.

The Greens now face the unenviable task of securing a result in next week's away game against Fawkner.

St Albans also kept alive their dreams of playing in the VPL next season with a late 1-0 victory over the lowly Frankston Pines at Churchill Reserve yesterday. A win was required to stay in the hunt for second place, though the Pines were determined to make life tough for their rivals; defending like their lives depended on the outcome of the game. Frankston held on bravely, though it always looked inevitable that the Saints were going to score eventually, so there were not many who were shocked when Marijan Cvitkovic put St Albans in front late in the second half.

St Albans now awaits a FFV Appeals decision next Friday that could see it overturn a nine point deduction - catapulting the Saints into the champions zone.

Defeating Langwarrin could prove a tough ask though; given they seem to have hit form with a 4-1 belting of Western Suburbs at Ralph Reserve yesterday. While it was an evenly matched opening half with the reliable Caleb Nicholes' goal the only difference between the sides; the second half turned into a rout. Goals to Mladen Kustura, Rados Tomic and another to Nicholes saw the game become very one-sided; with only a late consolation goal to the Suburbs' Germain Bationo bringing some respectability back into the scoreline.

At the other end of the spectrum; the Southern Stars have been handed the wooden spoon after a 3-1 loss to Clifton Hill at Kevin Bartlett Reserve on Saturday afternoon. A tight first-half saw both teams back in the sheds at 1-1 after goals to Clifton Hill's Theo Papoutsis and the Stars' Aziz Bayeh. However, after the break Clifton Hill looked the more motivated and energetic of the sides; with Papoutsis scoring his second goal before Patrick Grigg found the back of the net to seal his side's fifth win of the season.

The Springvale White Eagles won just their third game of 2009 with an upset 2-1 victory over the mid-table Pascoe Vale at Hosken Reserve on Saturday, the win effectively seeing them steer clear of last place. Kruno Stanisic scored the opening goal of the match early on after some fine attacking movements, setting the tone for the rest of the game. After the break, Marco Tolli found an equaliser midway through the second half in a sign that the higher-placed favourites were beginning to assert their authority. Although this was not to be the case, with the goal stirring Springvale; the visiting side receiving the rewards eventually as Domenic D'Angelo found the back of the net to take all three points.

The Bulleen Lions must now defeat Fawkner tonight at the Veneto Club (8:15pm kick-off), as well as winning against Frankston next Saturday.

While they face very long odds, the Lions won't be giving up when they are still chances of playing in the VPL in 2010.

ByJeremy O'Neill

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The Saints are ecstatic after going 1-0 up against Frankston Pines

St Albans star Mirijan Cvetkovic reels away after his 84th minute winner

Dinamo keeps the dream alive to return to the VPL.

RESULTS

Pascoe Vale 1 (M Tolli)
Springvale White Eagles 2
(K Stanisic D D'Angelo)

Clifton Hill 3
(PJ Grigg T Papoutsis 2)
Southern Stars 1 (AE Bayeh)

Bentleigh Greens 0
Northcote City 2
(E Soares, Own Goal)

St Albans Saints 1
(M Cvitkovic)
Frankston Pines 0

Western Suburbs 1 (G Bationo)
Langwarrin 4 (M Kustura C Nicholes 2 R Tomic)

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Northcote City	21	13	5	3	43	25	44
Bentleigh Greens	21	12	4	5	28	20	40
St Albans Saints	21	14	4	3	42	19	37
FC Bulleen Lions	20	10	4	6	36	24	34
Langwarrin	21	10	2	9	46	37	32
Pascoe Vale	21	8	8	5	23	19	32
Fawkner Blues	20	9	4	7	30	25	31
Western Suburbs	21	7	3	11	28	34	24
Clifton Hill	21	5	7	9	33	44	22
Frankston Pines	21	2	9	10	14	30	15
Springvale White E	21	3	5	13	30	43	14
Southern Stars	21	2	5	14	20	53	11

ROUND 22 FIXTURES

Springvale White Eagles v Clifton Hill
White Eagles Stadium
Sat 5 Sep KO 3:00PM

Southern Stars v Western Suburbs
Ross Reserve
Sat 5 Sep KO 3:00PM

Langwarrin v St Albans Saints
Lawton Park Reserve
Sat 5 Sep KO 3:00PM

Frankston Pines v FC Bulleen Lions
Monterey Reserve
Sat 5 Sep KO 3:00PM

Fawkner Blues v Bentleigh Greens
CB Smith Reserve
Sat 5 Sep KO 3:00PM

Northcote City v Pascoe Vale
John Cain Memorial Park
Sat 5 Sep KO 3:00PM

RESERVE DETAILS

Pascoe Vale 10 Springvale White Eagles 0, Clifton Hill 2 Southern Stars 3, Western Suburbs 0 Langwarrin 2, Bentleigh Greens 1 Northcote City 2, St Albans Saints 3 Frankston Pines 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens	20	14	1	5	51	18	43
Pascoe Vale	21	11	6	4	52	24	39
Western Suburbs	21	10	7	4	41	32	37
FC Bulleen Lions	20	11	2	7	48	30	35
Langwarrin	20	10	3	7	39	17	33
Fawkner Blues	20	9	5	6	29	30	32
Frankston Pines	21	10	1	10	28	32	31
Northcote City	21	8	5	8	39	39	29
Southern Stars	21	8	3	10	27	51	27
St Albans Saints	21	5	3	13	31	49	18
Springvale White E	21	4	2	15	26	67	14
Clifton Hill	21	3	4	14	26	48	13

STATE NORTH WEST 2

Seniors

Sydenham Park 0 Werribee City 2 (D Iuele JC Spiteri), Ballarat Red Devils 3 (A Curtain AB Lymn SM Almousa) Thomastown Devils 2 (S Lamanda M Packovski), North Geelong Warriors 5 (A Cervinski M Demo 2 R Zadworny M Kuna) Brunswick City 0, Williamstown 2 (M Maljanek 2) Altona East Phoenix 0, Keilor Park 3 (A El Dib S Mussel D Gray) Altona City 2 (C Cullen 2)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North Geelong Warriors	21	14	1	6	42	18	43
Thomastown Devils	21	11	7	3	26	19	40
Werribee City	21	10	6	5	33	18	36
Altona East Phoenix	21	9	6	6	24	17	33
Williamstown	21	9	4	8	23	21	31
Brunswick City	21	6	8	7	23	30	26
Altona City	21	7	4	10	31	38	25
Sydenham Park	21	6	6	9	25	37	24
Ballarat Red Devils	21	5	8	8	23	34	23
Geelong Rangers	20	6	3	11	28	34	21
Keilor Park	21	5	6	10	19	26	21
Westgate	20	4	7	9	25	30	19

Reserves

Sydenham Park 0 Werribee City 6, Ballarat Red Devils 2 Thomastown Devils 2, North Geelong Warriors 1 Brunswick City 6, Williamstown 2 Altona East Phoenix 1, Keilor Park 2 Altona City 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keilor Park	21	16	3	2	53	17	51
Ballarat Red Devils	21	13	6	2	55	20	45
Thomastown Devils	21	12	5	4	45	22	41
Altona City	21	11	4	6	34	22	37
Brunswick City	21	10	3	8	42	39	33
Williamstown	21	8	7	6	35	27	31
Geelong Rangers	20	8	5	7	31	31	29
North Geelong Warriors	21	8	2	11	36	38	26
Altona East Phoenix	21	6	3	12	16	28	21
Werribee City	21	5	3	13	34	53	18
Sydenham Park	21	5	3	13	31	52	18
Westgate	20	0	2	18	12	75	2

STATE SOUTH EAST 2

Seniors

Doncaster Rovers 3 (M Dal Ben Z Stefanidis S Pitruzzello) Casey Comets 0, Knox City 3 (D Veljovic J Valadon 2) Morwell Pegasus 0, Dandenong City 3 (T Muretic S Andrijasevic K Townson) Port Melbourne 0, Malvern City 4 (P Liapis JM Sastre-Tejedor A D'Ortenzio R Swingler) Heatherton Utd 1 (CD Sanita), Eastern Lions 3 (P McEvoy O Harel 2) South Springvale 3 (S Catherine S Groom 2)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Malvern City	21	14	2	5	56	27	44
Doncaster Rovers	21	13	4	4	48	26	43
Dandenong City	21	10	5	6	46	38	35
Diamond Valley Utd	20	9	6	5	34	24	33
Eastern Lions	21	9	3	9	38	34	30
Heatherton Utd	21	9	3	9	33	39	30
Morwell Pegasus	21	9	2	10	33	41	29
Port Melbourne	21	6	8	7	25	29	26
Knox City	21	6	6	9	20	29	24
Casey Comets	21	5	6	10	21	37	21
South Springvale	21	4	6	11	31	43	18
Kingston City	20	3	5	12	28	46	11

Reserves

Doncaster Rovers 6 Casey Comets 0, Knox City 2 Morwell Pegasus 1, Dandenong City 5 Port Melbourne 3, Malvern City 2 Heatherton Utd 1, Eastern Lions 3 South Springvale 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox City	21	17	2	2	61	15	53
Eastern Lions	21	14	2	5	43	15	44
Doncaster Rovers	21	13	4	4	74	22	43
Dandenong City	21	12	3	6	51	42	39
Port Melbourne	21	11	2	8	59	39	35
Morwell Pegasus	21	10	4	7	46	29	34
Diamond Valley Utd	20	9	4	7	28	33	31
Casey Comets	21	7	2	12	34	40	23
Malvern City	21	5	3	13	34	50	18
Kingston City	20	5	2	13	18	44	17
South Springvale	21	3	3	15	25	82	12
Heatherton Utd	21	3	1	17	21	83	10

STATE NORTH WEST 3

Seniors

Yarraville Glory 2 (S Kalow P Pasgas) Cairnlea 0, Moreland City 3 (O Simsek L Lucchesi R Dinse) Melbourne University Rangers 0, Westvale 2 (S Khan Own Goal) Banyule City 2 (N Papadopoulos 2), Hume Utd 2 (J Barrientos 2) La Trobe University 1 (D Tasevski), Geelong 1 (G Carr) Lalor 1 (K Vaskoski), Maribyrnong Greens 3 (E Ahmetovic 2 H Ikanovic) North Sunshine Eagles 4 (A Isai D Dodaj 2 R Vukovic)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Banyule City	21	12	7	2	36	21	43
Moreland City	21	10	6	5	37	24	36
Yarraville Glory	21	11	2	8	35	31	35
Maribyrnong Greens	21	12	2	7	33	20	32
Hume Utd	21	9	4	8	39	34	31
La Trobe University	21	9	3	9	31	29	30
Cairnlea	21	8	6	7	24	28	30
Lalor	21	6	7	8	31	30	25
Melbourne Uni Rangers	21	6	3	12	24	32	21
North Sunshine Eagles	21	7	2	12	27	39	20
Geelong	21	5	5	11	21	34	20
Westvale	21	4	7	10	20	36	19

Reserves

Yarraville Glory 4 Cairnlea 0, Moreland City 4 Melbourne University Rangers 2, Westvale 3 Banyule City 3, Hume Utd 1 La Trobe University 4, Geelong 2 Lalor 3, Maribyrnong Greens 1 North Sunshine Eagles 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland City	20	16	2	2	68	21	50
Banyule City	21	12	4	5	40	24	40
La Trobe University	21	11	5	5	47	36	38
Melbourne Uni Rangers	21	10	4	7	44	33	34
Hume Utd	21	11	0	10	39	36	33
Yarraville Glory	21	7	8	6	37	30	29
Maribyrnong Greens	21	8	5	8	38	39	29
Cairnlea	21	7	4	10	45	40	25
Geelong	21	4	7	10	37	43	19
North Sunshine Eagles	20	5	7	8	25	43	19
Westvale	21	4	3	14	27	81	15
Lalor	21	3	5	13	23	44	14

STATE SOUTH EAST 3

Seniors

Berwick City 3 (J Pekmezovic OA Mejias 2) Sandringham City 0, Boroondara Eagles 0 Croydon City Arrows 1 (D Latimer), Waverley Wanderers 0 Peninsula Strikers 2 (S Baxter N Henry), Brandon Park 0 Noble Park Utd 1 (N Salamandic), Nunawading City 0 Southern Suburbs 1 (A Strepelias)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Southern Suburbs	21	10	9	2	30	15	39
Berwick City	20	11	5	4	35	18	38
Noble Park Utd	21	11	5	5	44	36	38
Peninsula Strikers	21	10	5	6	35	30	35
Nunawading City	21	9	6	6	27	17	33
Springvale City	19	7	7	5	32	27	28
Brandon Park	21	6	6	9	24	23	24
North Caulfield	20	6	6	8	23	25	24
Croydon City Arrows	21	5	9	7	19	24	24
Waverley Wanderers	21	4	10	7	18	25	22
Boroondara Eagles	21	4	3	14	20	40	15
Sandringham City	21	4	3	14	21	48	15

Reserves

Berwick City 3 Sandringham City 0, Boroondara Eagles 0 Croydon City Arrows 2, Waverley Wanderers Peninsula Strikers , Brandon Park 5 Noble Park Utd 2, Nunawading City 2 Southern Suburbs 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	21	17	2	2	64	16	53
Berwick City	21	14	3	4	70	32	45
Brandon Park	20	10	5	5	39	28	35
Croydon City Arrows	21	10	2	9	43	30	32
Nunawading City	21	9	5	7	41	30	32
North Caulfield	20	9	2	9	45	31	29
Peninsula Strikers	20	8	5	7	37	32	29
Southern Suburbs	21	6	3	12	28	54	21
Boroondara Eagles	21	5	5	11	23	39	20
Waverley Wanderers	20	4	6	10	21	50	18
Noble Park Utd	20	5	2	13	37	76	17
Springvale City	20	3	6	11	22	52	15

PROVI 1 NORTH WEST

Seniors

South Yarra 1 (S Crossan) Essendon Utd 1 (A Napolitano), Melbourne City 2 (A Milianti 2) Corio 1 (A Palmieri), Sunbury Utd 0 Whittlesea Utd 3 (S Mirik S Braima E Cicek), Northern Falcons 5 (A Macinkovic F Pizzo BP Stevens L Kfeilatis 2) Laverton Park 1 (R Castro), FC Strathmore 2 (S Saric 2) Lalor Utd 1 (I Ristov), Western Eagles 1 (R Pete) Elwood City 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sunbury Utd	21	15	4	2	47	15	49
Essendon Utd	21	12	5	4	41	25	41
Whittlesea Utd	21	12	3	6	38	24	39
South Yarra	21	11	6	4	26	21	39
Laverton Park	21	9	6	6	35	30	33
FC Strathmore	21	8	5	8	28	28	29
Elwood City	21	7	3	11	28	30	24
Corio	21	6	4	11	25	39	22
Melbourne City	21	6	4	11	23	44	22
Northern Falcons	21	5	6	10	24	32	20
Western Eagles	21	5	4	12	23	34	18
Lalor Utd	21	4	2	15	18	34	14

Reserves

South Yarra 4 Essendon Utd 1, Melbourne City 0 Corio 1, Sunbury Utd 4 Whittlesea Utd 0, Northern Falcons 1 Laverton Park 1, FC Strathmore 4 Lalor Utd 0, Western Eagles 2 Elwood City 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Yarra	21	17	2	2	54	17	53
Essendon Utd	21	16	3	2	54	22	51
Sunbury Utd	21	15	2	4	44	24	47
FC Strathmore	21	13	1	7	36	17	40
Elwood City	21	10	3	8	43	37	33
Whittlesea Utd	21	8	3	10	30	45	27
Laverton Park	21	5	6	10	30	39	21
Northern Falcons	21	6	3	12	19	28	21
Melbourne City	21	5	5	11	22	40	20
Lalor Utd	21	5	4	12	26	45	19
Western Eagles	21	4	5	12	23	39	17
Corio	21	2	3	16	24	52	9

PROVI 1 SOUTH EAST

Seniors

Doveton 1 (N Robinson) Mornington 2 (G Kilner C D'petta), Fitzroy City 1 (I Filipovic) Ashburton 0, Old Scotch 2 (D Baillie J Beamish) Monbulk 1 (A Ischuk), Endeavour Utd 1 (GM Dos Santos) Monash University 1 (T Masinde), Warragul Utd 4 (S Byers 2 P Cooper J Parnall) Old Melburnians 2 (A Szlawski S Bennet), Old Camberwell Grammar 0 Mooroolbark 1 (D Shields)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fitzroy City	21	13	4	4	37	23	43
Mornington	21	11	7	3	44	26	40
Monash University	21	11	6	4	46	28	39
Warragul Utd	21	11	4	6	34	29	36
Old Scotch	21	10	4	7	28	21	34
Mooroolbark	21	8	6	7	23	27	30
Old Camberwell Grammar	21	8	4	9	38	35	28
Old Melburnians	21	8	2	11	29	34	26
Monbulk	21	6	5	10	26	32	23
Ashburton	21	5	3	13	29	45	18
Endeavour Utd	21	5	1	15	25	42	16
Doveton	21	3	8	10	22	39	16

Reserves

Doveton 1 Mornington 6, Fitzroy City 5 Ashburton 4, Old Scotch 0 Monbulk 0, Endeavour Utd 0 Monash University 6 (RL Chan G Costaras R Serrano M Solovyev 2 P Sugija), Warragul Utd 4 Old Melburnians 3, Old Camberwell Grammar 3 Mooroolbark 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Monash University	21	17	2	2	64	20	53
Old Camberwell Grammar	21	12	4	5	42	29	40
Old Melburnians	21	10	5	6	47	33	35
Old Scotch	20	9	6	5	34	20	33
Mornington	21	8	7	6	41	33	31
Doveton	21	8	6	7	34	36	30
Mooroolbark	21	8	5	8	27	27	29
Endeavour Utd	20	7	5	8	43	42	26
Fitzroy City	21	7	1	13	43	71	22
Monbulk	21	4	6	11	20	45	18
Warragul Utd	21	3	7	11	27	43	16
Ashburton	21	3	4	14	25	48	13

PROVI 2 NORTH WEST

Seniors

Epping City 1 (T Beer) Melbourne Tornado 0, Darebin Utd 0 Moreland Utd 3 (A Babo 2 S Eyar), Plenty Valley Lions 1 (A Rolevski) Hoppers Crossing 2 (K Bilos CJ Harding), West Preston 1 (P Koniaras) Bell Park 2 (LH Nelson LJ Page), North City Lions 1 (HM Taleb) Collingwood City 0, Avondale Heights 3 (J Saad M Principato 2) Watsonia Heights 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North City Lions	21	13	5	3	51	20	44
Avondale Heights	21	12	5	4	57	21	41
Moreland Utd	21	12	2	7	35	35	38
Bell Park	21	9	7	5	36	32	34
Epping City	21	10	4	7	34	30	34
West Preston	21	8	7	6	35	28	31
Hoppers Crossing	21	9	4	8	28	33	31
Plenty Valley Lions	21	6	6	9	24	34	24
Collingwood City	21	6	4	11	30	38	22
Melbourne Tornado	21	6	4	11	26	38	22
Watsonia Heights	21	3	8	10	27	39	17
Darebin Utd	21	2	4	15	15	50	10

Reserves

Epping City 6 Melbourne Tornado 2, Darebin Utd 1 Moreland Utd 5, Plenty Valley Lions 0 Hoppers Crossing 9, West Preston 0 Bell Park 3, North City Lions 0 Collingwood City 1, Avondale Heights 1 Watsonia Heights 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Epping City	21	17	4	0	63	23	55
Collingwood City	21	14	2	5	53	31	44
Hoppers Crossing	21	12	5	4	60	34	41
Bell Park	21	11	3	7	52	32	36
Avondale Heights	21	10	5	6	38	29	35
North City Lions	21	10	4	7	47	32	34
Watsonia Heights	21	8	2	11	35	29	26
Moreland Utd	21	6	7	8	27	30	25
Plenty Valley Lions	21	5	3	13	35	54	18
Melbourne Tornado	21	4	4	13	28	53	16
West Preston	21	3	4	14	32	67	13
Darebin Utd	21	3	3	15	26	82	12

PROVI 2 SOUTH EAST

Seniors

Caulfield Cobras 3 (O Tufan 2 M Turco) Lyndale Utd 0, Old Brighton Grammarians 6 (J Eichhorn J Whitney K Kaneko S Dracup 2 GR Walker) White Star Dandenong 1 (D Najder), Beaumaris 1 (DA Gibson) Dandenong Sparrows 5 (SJ Bontemps 2 DE Schulberg 3), Riversdale 2 (T Piszczyk 2) Rowville Eagles 1 (E Gunes), Whitehorse Utd 2 (P Seehusen PJ Helmers) Carrum Utd 2 (A Busuttil 2), Old Carey 0 Berwick Kings 1 (A Litkowski)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong Sparrows	21	18	2	1	88	23	56
Beaumaris	21	14	2	5	52	31	44
Carrum Utd	21	11	4	6	49	36	37
Riversdale	21	11	4	6	52	48	37
Berwick Kings	21	11	2	8	43	33	35
Caulfield Cobras	21	9	2	10	36	32	29
Whitehorse Utd	21	8	5	8	31	30	29
Old Brighton Grammarians	21	8	3	10	39	52	27
Lyndale Utd	21	7	4	10	44	51	25
Old Carey	21	6	2	13	35	44	20
Rowville Eagles	21	4	3	14	24	58	15
White Star Dandenong	21	2	1	18	19	74	7

Reserves

Caulfield Utd 3 Lyndale Utd 0, Old Brighton Grammarians 5 White Star Dandenong 1, Beaumaris 0 Dandenong Sparrows 3, Riversdale 3 Rowville Eagles 0, Whitehorse Utd 5 Carrum Utd 0, Old Carey 2 Berwick Kings 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Riversdale	21	16	3	2	72	22	51
Dandenong Sparrows	21	14	2	5	63	24	44
Caulfield Utd	21	12	6	3	43	20	42
Berwick Kings	21	12	2	7	45	50	38
Old Brighton Grammarians	21	11	3	7	42	29	36
Old Carey	21	10	3	8	49	31	33
Beaumaris	21	10	3	8	50	37	33
Whitehorse Utd	21	10	2	9	43	30	32
Lyndale Utd	21	10	1	10	47	50	31
Rowville Eagles	21	2	3	16	42	82	9
White Star Dandenong	21	2	1	18	20	78	7
Carrum Utd	21	2	1	18	25	88	7

PROVI 3 NORTH WEST

Seniors

Keilor Wolves 6 (R Trifunoski 2 D Taleski F Minoski L Ristevski 2) Mill Park 1 (C Sarandis), Brimbank City 1 (A Kablar) Melton 1 (B Gilmour), Upfield 3 (T Kakos A Alsaadon 2) Brimbank Stallions 2 (J D'Alessi R Cesaire), Youth Utd 3 (B Kocdeviren E Kaplan H Konak) Brunswick Zebras 2 (P Montagna 2), Surf Coast 6 (X Ryan 3 R Flanagan BP Bunce MP Head) Bundoora Utd 1 (NS Coyle), Keon Park 4 (Y Rousalis 2 N Carlaganis 2) Ascot Vale 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Surf Coast	21	12	5	4	43	14	41
Youth Utd	21	12	4	5	33	17	40
Melton	20	11	6	3	47	31	39
Brimbank City	20	11	5	4	37	23	38
Upfield	21	11	4	6	50	31	37
Brimbank Stallions	21	9	4	8	32	32	31
Brunswick Zebras	21	7	6	8	35	38	27
Mill Park	21	7	4	10	24	38	25
Keilor Wolves	21	6	4	11	47	47	22
Bundoora Utd	21	6	4	11	37	43	22
Keon Park	21	7	1	13	19	48	22
Ascot Vale	21	2	1	18	17	59	4

Reserves

Keilor Wolves 8 Mill Park 0, Brimbank City 3 Melton 3, Upfield 3 Brimbank Stallions 0, Youth Utd 2 Brunswick Zebras 3, Surf Coast Bundoora Utd , Keon Park 3 Ascot Vale 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brimbank City	21	14	5	2	53	26	47
Upfield	21	13	4	4	56	24	43
Surf Coast	20	12	4	4	65	25	40
Bundoora Utd	20	12	4	4	62	28	40
Melton	21	10	7	4	54	32	37
Brunswick Zebras	21	10	2	9	45	38	32
Youth Utd	21	8	7	6	39	33	31
Brimbank Stallions	21	9	2	10	33	28	29
Keilor Wolves	21	7	3	11	41	50	24
Mill Park	21	4	3	14	24	71	15
Keon Park	21	1	3	17	19	80	6
Ascot Vale	21	2	2	17	15	71	5

PROVI 3 SOUTH EAST

Seniors

Noble Park 2 (A Buhac 2) East Bentleigh 0, Seaford Utd 0 Uni. of Melbourne 2 (FR Lamari E Kearns), Eltham North 1 (BW Mulcahy) Bayside Argonauts 1 (B Nalpantidis), Old Trinity Grammarians 1 (CM Gutierrez) Glen Waverley 2 (M Nanos M Ismailoglu), Keysborough 0 Meadow Park Eagles 0, Endeavour Hills 3 (M Mamotte 2 F Rouxelin) Brighton 8 (J Milner 2 M Chai C Dongalis P McCaig G Lark J O'Brien 2)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni. of Melbourne	21	13	5	3	43	18	44
Noble Park	21	13	4	4	39	29	43
Bayside Argonauts	20	11	5	4	41	21	38
Meadow Park Eagles	21	12	1	8	50	30	37
Seaford Utd	21	10	5	6	33	19	35
Brighton	21	10	4	7	44	31	34
Old Trinity Grammarians	21	9	4	8	42	41	31
Keysborough	21	7	3	11	25	29	24
Eltham North	21	5	6	10	31	53	21
Glen Waverley	21	4	5	12	27	46	17
East Bentleigh	21	3	6	12	22	47	15
Endeavour Hills	20	2	4	14	25	58	10

Reserves

Noble Park 4 East Bentleigh 1, Seaford Utd 1 Uni. of Melbourne 2, Eltham North 0 Bayside Argonauts 4, Old Trinity Grammarians 2 Glen Waverley 4, Keysborough 0 Meadow Park Eagles 0, Endeavour Hills 1 Brighton 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni. of Melbourne	20	14	1	5	44	23	43
East Bentleigh	21	13	3	5	39	23	42
Seaford Utd	21	11	4	6	41	29	37
Old Trinity Grammarians	21	11	4	6	39	31	37
Bayside Argonauts	21	8	10	3	38	24	34
Glen Waverley	21	8	6	7	31	35	30
Keysborough	21	7	7	7	39	33	28
Meadow Park Eagles	21	7	6	8	30	29	27
Noble Park	21	6	6	9	30	34	24
Brighton	21	5	5	11	25	36	20
Eltham North	21	3	6	12	26	55	15
Endeavour Hills	20	1	4	15	30	60	7

ROUND 22 FIXTURES

All matches to be played on Saturday 5th September with 3pm KO unless otherwise stated.

STATE NW 2
Werribee City v Williamstown
Galvin Park Reserve
Altona East Phoenix v North Geelong Warriors
Paisley Park Soccer Complex
Ballarat Red Devils v Brunswick City
Trekardo Park
Thomastown Devils v Keilor Park
Epping Soccer Stadium
Altona City v Westgate
HC Kim Reserve
Geelong Rangers v Sydenham Park
Myers Reserve

STATE SE 2
Morwell Pegasus v Doncaster Rovers
Ronald Reserve
Casey Comets v Kingston City
Comets Stadium
Diamond Valley Utd v Heatherton Utd
Partington Flats
Malvern City v Eastern Lions
Kooyong Reserve No. 3
South Springvale v Dandenong City
Warner Reserve
Port Melbourne v Knox City
SS Anderson Reserve

STATE NW 3
Cairnlea v Geelong
Cairnlea Park
Lalor v Hume Utd
RGC Cook Reserve
La Trobe University v Westvale
Latrobe Uni Lower Playing Field
Banyule City v Maribyrnong Greens
Yallambie Park Reserve
North Sunshine Eagles v Moreland City
Larissa Reserve
Melbourne University Rangers v Yarraville Glory
Princes Park (Parkville)

STATE SE 3
Sandringham City v Brandon Park
RJ Sillitoe Reserve
Noble Park Utd v Waverley Wanderers
Parkfield Reserve
Peninsula Strikers v Boroondara Eagles
Centenary Park
Croydon City Arrows v Nunawading City
Dorset Recreational Reserve
Southern Suburbs v Springvale City
The Grange Reserve
North Caulfield v Berwick City
Caulfield Park Sun 6 Sep KO 3:00PM

PROVI NW 1
Essendon Utd v FC Strathmore
Aberfeldie Park
Lalor Utd v Northern Falcons
HR Uren Reserve
Laverton Park v Sunbury Utd
Laverton Park Reserve
Whittlesea Utd v Western Eagles
Thomas Street Recreational Reserve
Elwood City v Melbourne City
Elwood Park
Corio v South Yarra
Hume Reserve, Geelong

PROVI SE 1
Mornington v Warragul Utd
Dallas Brooks Park
Old Melburnians v Endeavour Utd
Robert Menzies Reserve
Monash University v Old Scotch
Monash Uni Sports Centre
Monbulk v Old Camberwell Grammar
Monbulk Recreational Reserve
Mooroolbark v Fitzroy City
Esther Park Reserve
Ashburton v Doveton
Ashburton Park

PROVI NW 2
Melbourne Tornado v North City Lions
Newmarket Reserve
Collingwood City v West Preston
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Bell Park v Plenty Valley Lions
Bell Park Sports Club
Hoppers Crossing v Avondale Heights
Grange Reserve
Watsonia Heights v Darebin Utd
Gabonia Reserve
Moreland Utd v Epping City
Moomba Park Reserve

PROVI SE 2
Lyndale Utd v Whitehorse Utd
Lyndale Secondary College
Carrum Utd v Riversdale
HD Thomas Reserve
Rowville Eagles v Beaumaris
Park Ridge Reserve
Dandenong Sparrows v Old Carey
Fotheringham Reserve
Berwick Kings v Old Brighton Grammarians
Betula Park
White Star Dandenong v Caulfield Cobras
Greaves Reserve

PROVI NW 3
Mill Park v Surf Coast
Findon Reserve
Bundoora Utd v Youth Utd
Hills Recreational Reserve
Brunswick Zebras v Upfield
Sumner Park
Brimbank Stallions v Keon Park
Italo-Australian Social Club
Ascot Vale v Brimbank City
Fairbairn Park
Melton v Keilor Wolves
MacPhersons Park

PROVI SE 3
East Bentleigh v Keysborough
Bailey Reserve
Meadow Park Eagles v Old Trinity Grammarians
Gladstone Park Reserve
Glen Waverley v Eltham North
Glen Waverley North
Brighton v Bayside Argonauts
Dendy Park
Endeavour Hills v Seaford Utd
Power Reserve
Uni. of Melbourne v Noble Park
Princes Park (Parkville)